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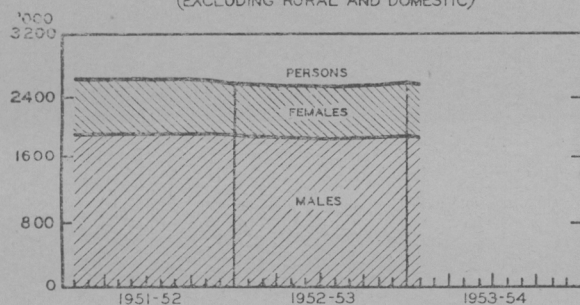
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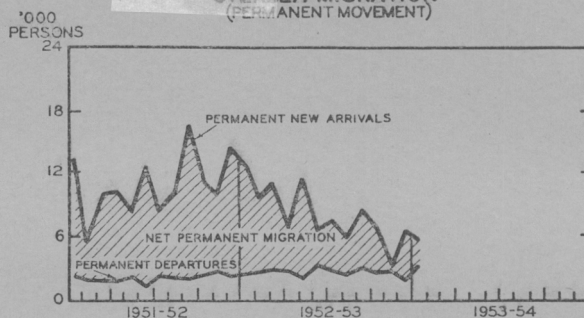
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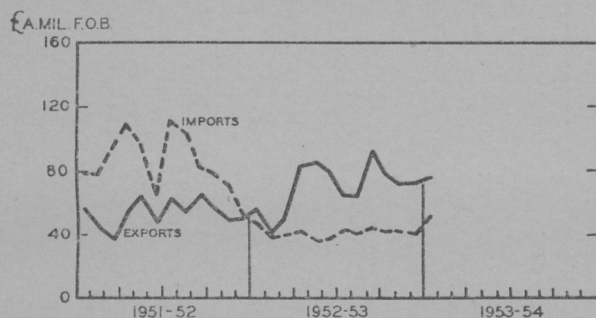
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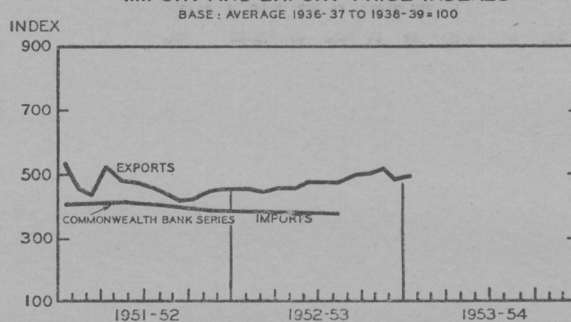
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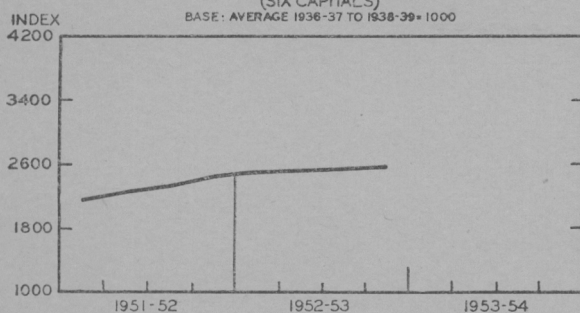
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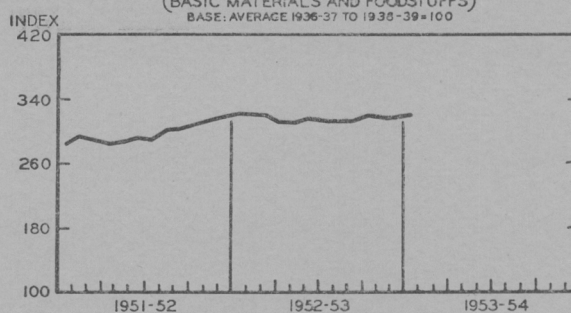
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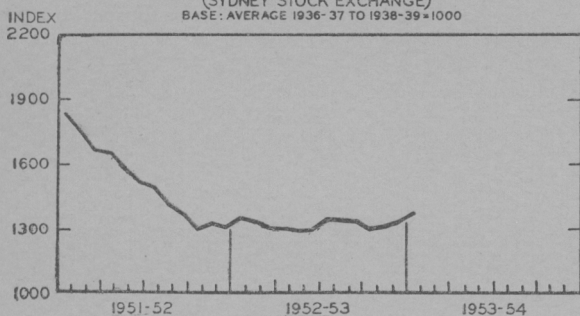
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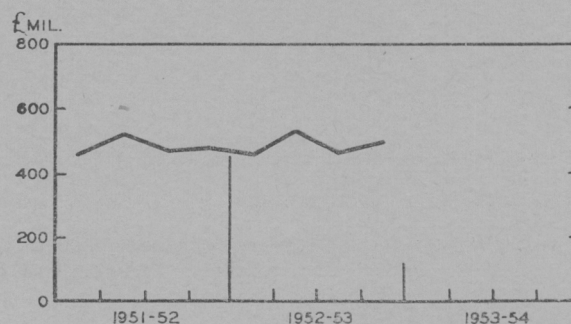
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INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY.

This and the following table summarize the trend of business activity shown by certain of the major indicators contained in various tables herein:—

Period.	Employment—Australia. Total—End of Month (Excluding Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces).(a)			Average Weekly Wage Earnings—Australia: Index No. (Base: 1945-46=1,000).(b)	Oversea Trade (Merchandise only—Values f.o.b. port of shipment.)		Building Permits(c) Six Capital Cities and Suburbs.	New Houses Completed.(d)	Production of Black Coal.	Total Electricity Generated.
	Males.	Females.	Total.		Imports.	Exports.				
Monthly	'000.	'000.	'000.		£m.	£m.	£'000.	No.	'000 tons.	Million kWh.
Average—										
1932-33 ..	(e)992	(e)341	(e)1,333	n.a.	5.5	8.2	565	n.a.	732	225
1936-37 ..	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	8.6	12.4	1,986	n.a.	977	331
1937-38 ..	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	10.6	11.8	2,307	n.a.	990	363
1938-39 ..	(f)1,293	(f)437	(f)1,730	n.a.	9.4	10.2	2,353	n.a.	1,051	391
1946-47 ..	1,592	610	2,202	1,037	17.4	25.8	4,084	8,152	1,178	627
1947-48 ..	1,693	635	2,328	1,164	28.2	33.8	4,687	10,876	1,231	697
1948-49 ..	1,757	656	2,413	1,322	34.5	45.2	5,577	12,835	1,276	754
1949-50 ..	1,810	675	2,485	1,451	44.7	51.1	7,129	13,873	1,243	792
1950-51 ..	1,882	707	2,589	1,742	61.8	81.8	10,426	16,895	1,369	875
1951-52 ..	1,915	709	2,624	2,145	87.5	55.7	9,700	19,475	1,598	941
1952-53 ..	1,876	670	2,546	2,350	42.5	71.0	10,045	19,152	1,546	1,024
Monthly Total—										
1951-52—										
October	1,909	722	2,631	2,129	110.9	57.0	11,184	20,837	1,855	948
November	1,919	724	2,643		97.7	66.8	9,384		1,759	936
December	1,916	721	2,637		68.2	49.7	7,788		1,317	870
January ..	1,917	711	2,628	2,183	114.2	64.6	7,612	18,417	1,059	884
February	1,921	707	2,628		106.0	56.3	8,287		1,651	904
March ..	1,924	704	2,628		85.4	66.6	8,849		1,740	952
April ..	1,920	694	2,614	2,249	81.5	59.0	8,593	20,231	1,568	914
May ..	1,914	688	2,602		75.3	51.8	9,306		1,725	992
June ..	1,908	679	2,587		54.9	53.0	9,848		1,535	988
1952-53—										
July ..	1,894	674	2,568	2,305	49.9	57.5	8,544	20,261	1,885	1,082
August ..	1,882	668	2,550		39.6	41.8	8,733		1,572	1,039
September	1,871	666	2,537		42.4	50.2	11,856		1,814	992
October ..	1,869	666	2,535	2,354	43.9	84.8	9,911	20,251	1,866	1,018
November	1,866	667	2,533		35.5	86.3	9,317		1,648	965
December	1,864	669	2,533		38.5	81.7	8,259		1,342	972
January ..	1,858	664	2,522	2,362	44.7	66.9	7,607	18,055	1,066	939
February	1,871	672	2,543		41.5	65.0	10,303		1,532	932
March ..	1,878	677	2,555		44.2	90.2	11,058		1,606	1,052
April ..	1,883	676	2,559	2,377	43.2	79.4	10,293	18,042	1,405	1,017
May ..	1,885	675	2,560		44.2	73.3	11,685		1,383	1,121
June ..	1,887	674	2,561		42.0	74.6	12,978		1,430	1,160
1953-54—										
July ..	1,882	675	2,557		52.1	76.7			1,817	
August ..									1,753	

(a) Total number of wage or salary earners in employment excluding employees in the defence forces at home or abroad and Government "relief" workers. (b) Average earnings per employed male unit. Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate rates of female to male earnings. Seasonally adjusted. (c) All building operations for which permits granted by Local Government Authorities. Excludes Government buildings (see footnote, page 27).

(d) Including owner-built houses. Quarterly averages for years, and quarterly totals. (e) June, 1933; obtained from Census.

(f) July, 1939; obtained from National Register.

For meaning of symbols n.a., r, see page 1.

INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY—continued.

Period.	Production of Ingot Steel.	New Motor Vehicles Registered.(a)		Mainland State Railways : Gross Revenue.	P.M.G.'s Department Receipts. (b)	Wholesale Trade : New Sales Recorded Under Sales Tax Acts.	Retail Sales.(c)	Private Trading Banks. (Weekly Averages).		Bank Debits to Customers' Accounts (Weekly Averages).
		Motor Cars.	Commercial Vehicles.					Deposits.	Advances.	
Monthly Average—	'000 tons.	'000.	'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£m.	£m.	£m.	£m.	£m.
1932-33 ..	32.7	1.0	0.3	3,017	1,053	29.1	n.a.	269.9	231.0	n.a.
1936-37 ..	90.0	4.0	2.0	3,407	1,318	37.2	n.a.	297.6	262.5	n.a.
1937-38 ..	97.2	4.6	2.3	3,632	1,396	40.6	n.a.	314.8	274.4	n.a.
1938-39 ..	97.5	4.5	2.1	3,580	1,447	39.8	n.a.	317.7	288.1	n.a.
1946-47 ..	109.4	1.8	1.4	5,303	2,484	66.8	n.a.	636.6	261.1	148.9
1947-48 ..	112.1	3.6	2.4	(d)6,376	2,616	79.5	240.4	673.5	329.9	175.9
1948-49 ..	98.2	5.5	3.1	7,174	2,776	93.4	286.3	776.4	368.8	212.8
1949-50 ..	101.5	9.6	4.8	7,702	3,196	110.2	340.8	910.1	403.9	271.1
1950-51 ..	120.3	10.6	6.5	8,834	3,732	140.5	422.3	1,144.2	479.3	372.9
1951-52 ..	126.8	10.4	6.1	11,668	4,948	162.1	482.5	1,201.7	621.4	402.4
1952-53 ..	151.9	7.8	4.4		5,367		490.5	1,162.4	638.1	389.3
Monthly Total—										
1951-52—	r									
July ..	114.2	10.7	7.0	10,129	4,346	162.1	459.5	1,204.3	527.6	413.5
August ..	140.8	13.6	9.4	10,697	4,555	172.6		1,190.6	541.6	361.6
September	134.6	10.8	6.3	10,037	4,102	172.1		1,177.3	568.5	379.3
October..	126.1	12.1	6.5	11,438	5,203	168.1	522.5	1,179.2	593.8	420.9
November	138.5	11.9	6.8	12,635	4,775	177.7		1,190.7	620.7	422.2
December	136.4	9.9	5.4	11,701	5,309	153.3		1,242.4	624.8	448.8
January ..	139.4	8.2	4.6	12,167	4,840	145.7	469.7	1,218.3	638.6	375.5
February	127.9	9.6	5.3	12,420	5,023	161.0		1,228.5	654.6	414.7
March ..	136.9	11.0	5.9	12,168	4,940	168.9		1,241.3	664.1	400.7
April ..	117.5	10.2	5.4	11,684	4,834	160.2	478.1	1,246.6	667.9	401.2
May ..	91.6	9.7	5.6	12,968	5,798	153.8		1,182.0	675.6	403.2
June ..	99.7	7.8	5.1	11,972	5,657	149.8		1,122.9	691.2	399.7
1952-53—										
July ..	147.2	7.6	4.7	12,118	5,334	150.6	460.0	1,072.1	699.3	384.2
August ..	153.1	6.6	4.0	12,317	5,121	142.1		1,059.5	690.4	339.2
September	152.1	7.2	4.1	13,428	5,382	157.8		1,054.1	682.0	353.2
October..	166.0	9.0	4.5	13,889	5,702	169.9	535.2	1,077.7	673.4	376.5
November	154.5	8.8	4.4	12,710	5,030	150.2		1,114.3	655.7	401.7
December	153.8	9.3	4.6	13,123	5,898	162.7		1,147.4	637.7	432.8
January ..	157.1	r5.9	3.1	12,540	4,866	133.2	467.8	1,171.6	616.0	336.8
February	145.1	7.3	4.0	11,492	5,126	153.9		1,218.9	604.1	402.9
March ..	164.7	8.4	r4.6	13,325	5,605	r171.2		1,272.6	593.9	414.7
April ..	158.8	7.5	4.6	13,195	5,275	r165.7	p499.1	1,283.5	592.5	402.1
May ..	172.4	7.9	4.9	13,085	5,384	p170.8		1,252.2	597.6	408.4
June ..	171.7	7.4	4.9		5,675			1,239.0	601.8	409.8
1953-54—										
July ..	184.8	p9.5	p5.4		5,438			1,204.0	616.9	418.8
August ..	186.9	p8.5	p4.7		5,116			1,181.3	619.9	373.0
September					5,613					

(a) Excludes Northern Territory, also extra-metropolitan area of Western Australia prior to 1938-39. (b) Actual collections.
(c) Quarterly average for years, and quarterly totals. Excludes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory. (d) From July, 1947, covers all State and Commonwealth railways.

For meaning of symbols, n.a., r, p, —, see page 1.

POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS : AUSTRALIA.

Period.	Marriages.	Births.	Deaths.	Natural Increase.(a)	Net Migration.(b)	Total Increase.(c)	Population at end of Period.
Quarterly Average—							
1936-37	14,627	29,634	16,129	13,505	496	14,291	6,835,536
1937-38	15,529	29,924	16,170	13,754	1,676	15,751	6,898,541
1938-39	15,279	30,636	17,023	13,613	3,339	17,303	6,967,754
1946-47	19,399	48,072	18,401	29,671	-1,611	28,550	d7,579,358
1947-48	19,008	44,252	18,876	25,376	7,341	32,717	7,710,228
1948-49	18,498	44,149	19,041	25,108	25,287	50,395	7,911,806
1949-50	18,558	47,048	19,001	28,047	40,387	68,434	8,185,541
1950-51	19,211	48,114	19,896	28,218	33,244	61,462	8,431,390
1951-52	18,896	49,228	20,661	28,567	25,720	54,287	8,648,539
1952-53	17,870	50,739	20,023	30,716	14,516	45,232	8,829,465
Quarterly Total—							
1949-50—							
June Qtr. ..	19,699	46,696	18,931	27,765	31,442	59,207	8,185,541
1950-51—							
September ..	16,636	48,433	23,668	24,765	31,278	56,043	8,241,584
December ..	20,006	47,984	18,592	29,392	44,815	74,207	8,315,791
March ..	20,387	48,012	17,239	30,773	33,633	64,406	8,380,197
June ..	19,814	48,025	20,083	27,942	23,251	51,193	8,431,390
1951-52—							
September ..	16,610	49,681	24,114	25,567	23,487	49,054	8,480,444
December ..	20,487	47,580	20,352	27,228	31,062	58,290	8,538,734
March ..	19,411	50,404	18,228	32,176	27,698	59,874	8,598,608
June ..	19,078	49,248	19,949	29,299	20,632	49,931	8,648,539
1952-53—							
September ..	15,679	50,896	23,878	27,018	24,883	51,901	8,700,440
December ..	20,004	51,102	19,542	31,560	20,819	52,379	8,752,819
March ..	r17,393	51,469	17,142	34,327	8,632	42,959	8,795,778
June ..	18,405	49,489	19,532	29,957	3,730	33,687	8,829,465

(a) Excess of births over deaths. For the period September, 1939 to June, 1947, excess of births over civilian deaths only.
 (b) Excess of arrivals over departures. A minus sign (—) denotes excess of departures over arrivals. Excludes troop movements for the period September, 1939 to June, 1947. (c) Includes natural increase and net migration together with adjustments for deaths of defence personnel and unrecorded movement of population between July, 1933 and June, 1947. (d) Census—30th June, 1947.

POPULATION: STATES.

Date.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
30th June—									
1939 ..	2,748,393	1,878,480	1,018,007	596,563	470,044	237,419	6,281	12,567	6,967,754
1946 ..	2,944,700	2,025,134	1,089,557	634,829	492,510	251,998	10,562	15,867	7,465,157
1947 (b) ..	2,984,838	2,054,701	1,106,415	646,073	502,480	257,078	10,868	16,905	7,579,358
1948 ..	3,025,318	2,090,668	1,127,316	658,024	515,302	262,364	12,458	(a)18,778	7,710,228
1949 ..	3,113,659	2,139,124	1,150,771	673,069	532,667	269,383	13,800	(a)19,333	7,911,806
1950 ..	3,225,242	2,202,870	1,183,792	700,257	557,918	279,386	15,304	(a)20,772	8,185,541
1951 ..	3,317,182	2,269,291	1,211,239	720,040	581,486	290,838	16,422	24,892	8,431,390
1952 ..	3,388,437	2,335,475	1,238,425	739,563	601,266	302,111	16,478	26,784	8,648,539
1953 ..	3,442,432	2,384,311	1,265,571	757,189	622,203	311,060	17,066	29,633	8,829,465

(a) Revised A.C.T. estimates based on Census of Canberra, 14th-16th September, 1951, are as follows:—1948, 19,806; 1949, 21,245; 1950, 23,867. (b) Census—30th June, 1947.

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

OVERSEA MIGRATION.

Permanent migration refers to persons, other than Australian troops, intending residence for one year or longer—in Australia in the case of arrivals, and abroad in the case of departures. Temporary migration refers to persons intending residence for shorter periods, together with Australian troops from July, 1947 onwards, irrespective of length of intended residence.

Period.	Temporary.				Permanent.		
	Australian Residents.		Visitors from Overseas.		Arrivals.	Australian Residents Departing.	Excess of Arrivals (+) or Departures (-).
	Arriving.	Departing.	Arriving.	Departing.			
Monthly Average—							
1936-37	1,910	1,937	2,294	2,297	1,148	953	+ 195
1937-38	2,127	2,060	2,617	2,678	1,478	925	+ 553
1938-39	2,145	1,966	2,649	2,742	2,081	1,055	+ 1,026
1946-47 (a) ..	793	940	1,229	1,430	1,918	2,107	— 189
1947-48	2,238	1,981	1,729	1,897	3,881	1,523	+ 2,358
1948-49	2,008	1,898	2,829	2,566	9,568	1,511	+ 8,057
1949-50	2,336	2,500	3,470	3,644	15,407	1,608	+ 13,799
1950-51	2,812	2,617	3,594	3,753	12,774	1,729	+ 11,045
1951-52	3,251	3,233	3,895	4,085	10,872	2,126	+ 8,746
1952-53	3,351	3,427	3,838	4,198	7,991	2,717	+ 5,274
Monthly Total—							
1951-52—							
August	3,111	2,021	3,307	3,306	5,602	1,907	+ 3,695
September ..	2,988	1,927	3,191	3,503	9,881	1,925	+ 7,956
October	4,137	2,037	4,261	3,491	10,109	1,797	+ 8,312
November ..	3,688	2,440	3,363	4,408	8,476	2,173	+ 6,303
December ..	4,274	3,443	5,103	3,709	12,597	1,448	+ 11,149
January	4,333	3,359	4,502	4,908	8,558	2,302	+ 6,256
February ..	3,249	4,186	4,292	4,409	9,996	2,139	+ 7,857
March	3,997	4,655	4,682	4,613	16,675	2,015	+ 14,660
April	2,452	4,497	4,065	4,366	10,949	2,353	+ 8,596
May	2,318	4,703	3,950	5,036	9,650	2,730	+ 6,920
June	2,331	2,919	3,092	3,786	14,524	2,309	+ 12,215
1952-53—							
July	2,609	2,938	3,537	3,572	12,474	2,649	+ 9,825
August	2,824	2,092	3,072	3,843	9,537	2,682	+ 6,855
September ..	3,696	2,561	3,604	4,007	10,774	2,900	+ 7,874
October	4,161	2,294	3,854	3,818	6,781	2,820	+ 3,961
November ..	4,415	2,253	3,775	3,712	11,305	2,136	+ 9,169
December ..	3,932	4,162	5,273	4,748	6,601	3,335	+ 3,266
January	3,799	3,589	3,907	5,220	7,181	2,785	+ 4,396
February ..	3,306	4,014	4,042	3,742	6,015	2,559	+ 3,456
March	3,496	5,836	4,885	5,335	8,268	3,187	+ 5,081
April	3,441	5,021	4,379	4,999	6,802	2,710	+ 4,092
May	2,310	3,729	2,812	4,266	3,493	2,856	+ 637
June	2,224	2,640	2,918	3,108	6,659	1,979	+ 4,680
1953-54—							
July	2,927	2,731	2,941	3,174	5,757	3,510	+ 2,247
August	3,432	2,196	3,191	2,840	5,600	2,365	+ 3,235

(a) Excludes troop movements.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT : AUSTRALIA.(a)

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Month.	Total Employment. (Excluding Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces.)			Total Employment in Main Industrial Groups.						
	Governmental Authorities.(b)	Private Employers.	Total.	Mining and Quarrying.	Factories.(c)	Building and Construction.	Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.	Professional and Personal Services.(d)
MALES.										
1939—July ..	349.8	943.3	1,293.1	52.2	391.5	149.7	185.9	259.7		133.6
1951—June ..	570.4	1,341.1	1,911.5	55.8	674.7	212.7	294.7	129.7	188.4	171.7
1952—June ..	577.4	1,330.7	1,908.1	58.8	661.6	214.0	299.9	124.8	191.2	173.2
1953—June ..	566.7	1,320.0	1,886.7	58.0	666.3	193.1	295.1	125.0	191.0	174.1
1952—April ..	575.7	1,343.7	1,919.4	57.5	667.8	216.8	299.8	125.5	193.4	174.1
May ..	577.8	1,336.0	1,913.8	57.8	663.3	216.4	300.6	125.3	192.9	173.0
June ..	577.4	1,330.7	1,908.1	58.8	661.6	214.0	299.9	124.8	191.2	173.2
July ..	576.5	1,317.5	1,894.0	59.3	655.3	209.9	299.3	124.0	188.7	172.2
1953—April ..	566.7	1,315.7	1,882.4	59.0	661.3	193.8	294.1	124.5	191.3	174.3
May ..	567.1	1,317.8	1,884.9	58.5	663.5	194.4	294.8	124.8	191.1	173.8
June ..	566.7	1,320.0	1,886.7	58.0	666.3	193.1	295.1	125.0	191.0	174.1
July ..	564.9	1,317.3	1,882.2	58.5	667.2	191.0	293.7	124.3	189.6	173.7
FEMALES.										
1939—July ..	55.2	381.9	437.1	0.3	148.2	1.2	12.6	114.9		129.0
1951—June ..	113.8	605.0	718.8	0.8	234.4	3.8	40.1	119.1	71.3	214.7
1952—June ..	115.2	564.2	679.4	0.9	199.2	4.2	39.5	112.6	72.9	215.0
1953—June ..	111.9	561.8	673.7	0.9	202.9	4.3	36.2	109.9	71.5	213.5
1952—April ..	115.7	578.5	694.2	0.9	208.7	4.2	40.2	113.8	74.1	217.4
May ..	115.6	572.6	688.2	1.0	204.6	4.2	39.9	113.6	73.6	216.4
June ..	115.2	564.2	679.4	0.9	199.2	4.2	39.5	112.6	72.9	215.0
July ..	115.4	558.8	674.2	0.9	196.2	4.3	38.9	111.5	72.4	214.3
1953—April ..	112.2	563.9	676.1	1.0	203.2	4.3	36.5	109.6	71.9	215.3
May ..	112.0	562.9	674.9	0.9	202.8	4.3	36.4	109.9	71.9	214.5
June ..	111.9	561.8	673.7	0.9	202.9	4.3	36.2	109.9	71.5	213.5
July ..	112.4	562.2	674.6	0.9	204.2	4.4	36.2	109.8	71.7	212.4
PERSONS.										
1939—July ..	405.0	1,325.2	1,730.2	52.5	539.7	150.9	198.5	374.6		262.6
1951—June ..	684.2	1,946.1	2,630.3	56.6	909.1	216.5	334.8	248.8	259.7	386.4
1952—June ..	692.6	1,894.9	2,587.5	59.7	860.8	218.2	339.4	237.4	264.1	388.2
1953—June ..	678.6	1,881.8	2,560.4	58.9	869.2	197.4	331.3	234.9	262.5	387.6
1952—April ..	691.4	1,922.2	2,613.6	58.4	876.5	221.0	340.0	239.3	267.5	391.5
May ..	693.4	1,908.6	2,602.0	58.8	867.9	220.6	340.5	238.9	266.5	389.4
June ..	692.6	1,894.9	2,587.5	59.7	860.8	218.2	339.4	237.4	264.1	388.2
July ..	691.9	1,876.3	2,568.2	60.2	851.5	214.2	338.2	235.5	261.1	386.5
1953—April ..	678.9	1,879.6	2,558.5	60.0	864.5	198.1	330.6	234.1	263.2	389.6
May ..	679.1	1,880.7	2,559.8	59.4	866.3	198.7	331.2	234.7	263.0	388.3
June ..	678.6	1,881.8	2,560.4	58.9	869.2	197.4	331.3	234.9	262.5	387.6
July ..	677.3	1,879.5	2,556.8	59.4	871.4	195.4	329.9	234.1	261.3	386.1

(a) Excludes defence forces, at home or abroad, and National Service trainees in camp. Estimated total employment is based on Pay-roll Tax returns and records of Government employment. Figures from June, 1950 subject to revision. (b) Includes all employees of Australian Government authorities (Commonwealth, State and Local) on services such as railways, tramways, banks, post office, air transport, education, broadcasting, police, public works, factories and munitions establishments, migrant hostels, &c., as well as administrative employees within Australia. (c) Pay-roll series subject to revision. (d) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, other Professional and Personal Services (except female private domestic).

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT : STATES.(a)

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Month.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
MALES.									
1939—July ..	529.9	357.5	172.8	106.7	82.9	37.4	2.1	3.8	1,293.1
1951—June ..	758.2	525.8	259.3	170.0	125.3	60.2	4.6	8.1	1,911.5
1952—June ..	754.4	524.4	258.1	171.5	126.0	61.0	4.4	8.3	1,908.1
1953—June ..	734.3	521.6	255.2	170.6	130.2	61.7	4.6	8.5	1,886.7
1952—March ..	764.0	530.3	256.3	171.9	127.7	61.2	4.3	8.0	1,923.7
April ..	760.9	529.6	256.5	171.7	126.9	61.4	4.3	8.1	1,919.4
May ..	756.4	527.8	257.5	171.7	126.7	61.1	4.3	8.3	1,913.8
June ..	754.4	524.4	258.1	171.5	126.0	61.0	4.4	8.3	1,908.1
July ..	748.2	520.2	256.9	170.5	125.2	60.3	4.4	8.3	1,894.0
1953—March ..	731.8	521.2	251.5	168.9	129.2	62.4	4.5	8.6	1,878.1
April ..	732.3	522.6	252.5	169.9	129.7	62.3	4.5	8.6	1,882.4
May ..	734.1	521.9	253.6	170.0	129.7	62.4	4.6	8.6	1,884.9
June ..	734.3	521.6	255.2	170.6	130.2	61.7	4.6	8.5	1,886.7
July ..	733.0	520.4	254.7	169.4	130.5	61.1	4.7	8.4	1,882.2
FEMALES.									
1939—July ..	168.0	142.9	53.2	34.0	26.2	11.6	0.2	1.0	437.1
1951—June ..	290.9	219.6	86.1	57.0	41.6	20.3	0.8	2.5	718.8
1952—June ..	270.5	206.6	83.8	54.9	40.5	19.8	0.8	2.5	679.4
1953—June ..	266.2	205.9	83.7	53.4	41.0	20.1	0.9	2.5	673.7
1952—March ..	282.5	215.4	84.5	56.7	41.4	20.1	0.8	2.4	703.8
April ..	277.1	211.5	84.4	56.3	41.3	20.3	0.8	2.5	694.2
May ..	274.3	209.4	84.3	55.6	41.1	20.2	0.8	2.5	688.2
June ..	270.5	206.6	83.8	54.9	40.5	19.8	0.8	2.5	679.4
July ..	267.9	205.1	83.7	54.1	40.4	19.7	0.8	2.5	674.2
1953—March ..	266.4	208.4	83.7	54.0	41.0	20.3	0.8	2.5	677.1
April ..	266.8	206.9	83.6	53.9	41.2	20.3	0.9	2.5	676.1
May ..	266.6	206.4	83.6	53.5	41.2	20.2	0.9	2.5	674.9
June ..	266.2	205.9	83.7	53.4	41.0	20.1	0.9	2.5	673.7
July ..	266.5	206.5	83.9	53.3	41.1	19.9	0.9	2.5	674.6
PERSONS.									
1939—July ..	697.9	500.4	226.0	140.7	109.1	49.0	2.3	4.8	1,730.2
1951—June ..	1,049.1	745.4	345.4	227.0	166.9	80.5	5.4	10.6	2,630.3
1952—June ..	1,024.9	731.0	341.9	226.4	166.5	80.8	5.2	10.8	2,587.5
1953—June ..	1,000.5	727.5	338.9	224.0	171.2	81.8	5.5	11.0	2,560.4
1952—March ..	1,046.5	745.7	340.8	228.6	169.1	81.3	5.1	10.4	2,627.5
April ..	1,038.0	741.1	340.9	228.0	168.2	81.7	5.1	10.6	2,613.6
May ..	1,030.7	737.2	341.8	227.3	167.8	81.3	5.1	10.8	2,602.0
June ..	1,024.9	731.0	341.9	226.4	166.5	80.8	5.2	10.8	2,587.5
July ..	1,016.1	725.3	340.6	224.6	165.6	80.0	5.2	10.8	2,568.2
1953—March ..	998.2	729.6	335.2	222.9	170.2	82.7	5.3	11.1	2,555.2
April ..	999.1	729.5	336.1	223.8	170.9	82.6	5.4	11.1	2,558.5
May ..	1,000.7	728.3	337.2	223.5	170.9	82.6	5.5	11.1	2,559.8
June ..	1,000.5	727.5	338.9	224.0	171.2	81.8	5.5	11.0	2,560.4
July ..	999.5	726.9	338.6	222.7	171.6	81.0	5.6	10.9	2,556.8

(a) Excludes Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces and National Service trainees in camp. See also footnotes on page 6.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN FACTORIES.(a)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.				
							Males.	Females.	Persons.	Index—Av. 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1.000.	
										Un-adjusted.	Divided by Index of Total Population
Monthly Average—	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.		
1936-37 ..	197.8	183.0	45.9	39.3	21.4	11.8	359.6	139.6	499.2	950	959
1937-38 ..	215.6	193.6	49.6	42.6	22.0	12.5	387.7	148.2	535.9	1,019	1,019
1938-39 ..	219.5	193.9	51.5	42.0	22.1	13.2	391.8	150.4	542.2	1,031	1,022
1946-47 ..	331.3	256.1	68.6	68.2	32.2	19.2	578.2	197.4	775.6	1,475	1,347
1947-48 ..	349.8	268.1	73.0	71.1	34.0	20.3	611.5	204.8	816.3	1,553	1,397
1948-49 p ..	358.8	274.9	76.8	73.4	35.2	21.2	628.0	212.3	840.3	1,598	1,408
1949-50 p ..	358.8	281.5	79.6	75.7	36.6	21.9	636.9	217.2	854.1	1,624	1,386
1950-51 p ..	379.0	290.4	83.2	80.8	38.6	22.2	664.8	229.4	894.2	1,701	1,408
1951-52 p ..	377.9	292.2	83.1	81.3	38.8	22.0	672.3	223.0	895.3	1,703	1,369
1952-53 p ..	351.4	279.1	82.1	77.2	38.7	21.5	652.7	197.3	850.0	1,617	1,268
Monthly Total—											
1951-52 p—											
July ..	384.8	295.5	86.2	81.7	39.5	22.2	675.3	234.6	909.9	1,731	1,408
August ..	385.4	295.2	87.4	81.6	39.5	21.4	675.3	235.2	910.5	1,732	1,405
September ..	385.2	295.6	86.8	81.4	39.0	21.5	674.0	235.5	909.5	1,730	1,400
October ..	386.0	297.5	86.0	81.8	39.3	21.3	676.0	235.9	911.9	1,734	1,399
November ..	386.9	297.3	85.3	81.9	39.4	21.5	678.8	233.5	912.3	1,735	1,399
December ..	383.9	294.9	81.2	81.9	39.1	22.0	674.1	228.9	903.0	1,718	1,383
January ..	380.2	294.5	80.3	82.3	39.0	22.5	675.4	223.4	898.8	1,710	1,374
February ..	378.1	292.4	80.9	81.5	38.9	22.2	674.1	219.9	894.0	1,700	1,363
March ..	375.2	291.7	79.7	81.7	38.9	22.2	672.9	216.5	889.4	1,692	1,354
April ..	367.7	286.9	79.9	81.2	38.3	22.5	667.8	208.7	876.5	1,667	1,330
May ..	361.9	284.1	81.7	79.9	38.0	22.3	663.3	204.6	867.9	1,651	1,316
June ..	358.9	280.9	82.1	79.3	37.6	22.0	661.6	199.2	860.8	1,637	1,301
1952-53 p—											
July ..	354.1	277.9	82.3	78.4	37.4	21.4	655.3	196.2	851.5	1,619	1,284
August ..	350.3	274.5	82.7	77.1	38.0	20.8	650.0	193.4	843.4	1,604	1,269
September ..	346.8	273.6	82.3	76.2	37.8	20.6	645.0	192.3	837.3	1,593	1,258
October ..	347.0	275.3	82.7	76.0	38.1	20.6	646.1	193.6	839.7	1,597	1,258
November ..	347.4	274.8	82.6	75.8	38.2	20.7	645.5	194.0	839.5	1,597	1,256
December ..	345.5	274.5	80.5	76.4	38.2	21.2	644.0	192.3	836.3	1,591	1,249
January ..	346.6	276.2	78.7	76.1	38.4	21.8	644.1	193.7	837.8	1,593	1,247
February ..	351.6	281.5	80.9	77.8	38.9	21.9	652.9	199.7	852.6	1,622	1,268
March ..	354.9	285.1	81.9	78.1	39.5	22.1	657.7	203.9	861.6	1,639	1,278
April ..	356.3	285.1	82.7	78.4	39.8	22.2	661.3	203.2	864.5	1,644	1,280
May ..	357.6	285.2	83.3	78.1	39.9	22.2	663.5	202.8	866.3	1,648	1,282
June ..	358.2	286.0	84.7	78.4	39.9	22.0	666.3	202.9	869.2	1,653	1,284
1953-54 p—											
July ..	358.7	286.9	85.9	78.3	39.9	21.7	667.2	204.2	871.4	1,657	1,286

(a) Excludes National Service trainees in camp.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN RETAIL TRADE.(a)

('000.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.(b)		
							Males.	Females.	Persons.
Monthly Average—									
1946-47.. ..	85.1	60.5	27.8	20.4	15.2	6.5	112.4	103.4	215.8
1947-48.. ..	91.0	63.4	29.2	21.8	16.3	6.7	121.2	107.6	228.8
1948-49.. ..	93.9	65.7	29.9	22.6	17.1	6.9	125.5	111.2	236.7
1949-50.. ..	93.4	66.8	30.2	23.1	17.6	7.0	126.7	112.0	238.7
1950-51.. ..	97.2	68.8	31.1	23.9	18.2	7.3	129.3	117.8	247.1
1951-52.. ..	95.9	68.6	31.3	23.6	18.4	7.3	128.0	117.7	245.7
1952-53	90.1	66.1	30.0	22.4	18.1	7.2	124.2	110.4	234.6
Monthly Total—									
1951-52—									
July	96.8	69.7	31.7	23.9	18.5	7.4	129.5	119.1	248.6
August	96.9	69.5	31.7	24.0	18.3	7.3	129.2	119.1	248.3
September	96.1	69.2	31.6	23.9	18.4	7.3	128.7	118.5	247.2
October	96.7	68.7	31.6	24.1	18.4	7.3	128.5	118.8	247.3
November	99.1	70.1	32.0	24.1	18.6	7.4	130.0	122.0	252.0
December	101.9	70.8	32.6	24.2	19.1	7.6	132.2	124.7	256.9
January	96.5	69.0	31.5	24.0	18.5	7.4	128.5	119.0	247.5
February	95.1	68.1	31.1	23.4	18.5	7.2	127.3	116.5	243.8
March	94.1	67.7	30.4	23.1	18.3	7.3	126.3	115.3	241.6
April	92.8	66.9	30.4	23.0	18.3	7.3	125.5	113.8	239.3
May	92.7	66.7	30.4	23.1	18.2	7.2	125.3	113.6	238.9
June	91.8	66.7	30.3	22.9	17.9	7.1	124.8	112.6	237.4
1952-53—									
July	90.7	66.3	30.2	22.7	17.8	7.2	124.0	111.5	235.5
August	89.7	65.5	29.8	22.6	17.7	7.1	123.4	109.7	233.1
September	89.0	64.9	29.8	22.5	17.8	7.1	122.7	109.1	231.8
October	88.9	65.3	29.7	22.5	17.8	7.1	122.8	109.2	232.0
November	90.3	66.2	30.1	22.5	18.0	7.2	124.0	111.0	235.0
December	93.6	68.1	30.8	22.7	18.6	7.5	126.5	115.5	242.0
January	90.2	66.1	30.2	22.2	18.1	7.4	124.4	110.4	234.8
February	89.8	66.1	30.0	22.2	18.1	7.2	124.2	109.9	234.1
March	89.8	66.2	29.8	21.8	17.9	7.3	123.9	109.6	233.5
April	89.7	66.0	29.9	22.4	18.2	7.3	124.5	109.6	234.1
May. . .	89.9	66.2	30.0	22.3	18.3	7.3	124.8	109.9	234.7
June	89.9	66.1	30.2	22.6	18.4	7.2	125.0	109.9	234.9
1953-54—									
July	89.8	65.4	30.2	22.4	18.4	7.3	124.3	109.8	234.1

(a) Estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns. Excludes National Service trainees in camp. Figures subject to revision.

(b) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS.

The following figures are derived from employment and wages recorded on Pay-Roll Tax returns (which cover approximately 80 per cent. of total employment) and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. Pay of members of the armed forces is not included. The figures are not seasonally adjusted. A seasonally adjusted quarterly index of average weekly wage earnings is published on page 2.

Period.			New South Wales.(a)	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.(b)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID (£'000).									
1946-47	..	..	5,838	3,958	1,770	1,150	827	409	13,952
1947-48	..	..	6,976	4,719	2,069	1,369	954	492	16,579
1948-49	..	..	8,133	5,540	2,503	1,644	1,120	580	19,520
1949-50	..	..	9,018	6,370	2,838	1,894	1,315	672	22,107
1950-51	..	..	11,385	7,916	3,501	2,389	1,639	817	27,647
1951-52	..	..	14,364	9,816	4,319	3,018	2,108	1,059	34,684
1952-53	..	..	15,090	10,490	4,750	3,311	2,344	1,178	37,163
1950-51—									
June	Qtr.	..	12,869	9,010	3,907	2,701	1,846	939	31,272
1951-52—									
September	..	..	13,387	9,292	4,099	2,808	1,987	950	32,523
December	..	..	14,988	10,122	4,439	3,054	2,110	1,046	35,759
March	..	..	14,083	9,537	4,143	3,005	2,073	1,079	33,920
June	..	..	14,998	10,315	4,594	3,205	2,265	1,160	36,537
1952-53—									
September	..	..	14,934	10,181	4,661	3,243	2,281	1,107	36,407
December	..	..	15,729	11,017	5,003	3,454	2,394	1,174	38,771
March	..	..	14,241	9,932	4,501	3,147	2,288	1,181	35,290
June	..	..	15,456	10,828	4,837	3,401	2,413	1,248	38,183
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT (£).(c)									
1946-47	..	..	6.81	6.86	6.00	6.19	6.18	5.94	6.59
1947-48	..	..	7.73	7.80	6.58	7.02	6.87	6.72	7.44
1948-49	..	..	8.73	8.84	7.63	8.03	7.75	7.56	8.44
1949-50	..	..	9.50	9.78	8.34	8.83	8.65	8.49	9.26
1950-51	..	..	11.46	11.70	9.82	10.58	10.23	9.99	11.09
1951-52	..	..	14.24	14.20	11.93	13.13	12.80	12.59	13.65
1952-53	..	..	15.50	15.46	13.32	14.58	14.13	13.97	14.95
1950-51—									
June	Qtr.	..	12.78	13.05	10.75	11.81	11.31	11.19	12.34
1951-52—									
September	..	..	13.26	13.45	11.18	12.26	12.14	11.42	12.79
December	..	..	14.75	14.65	12.21	13.31	12.83	12.47	14.04
March	..	..	13.94	13.73	11.58	13.03	12.56	12.75	13.34
June	..	..	15.02	14.99	12.76	13.90	13.68	13.69	14.46
1952-53—									
September	..	..	15.23	15.06	12.96	14.26	13.93	13.35	14.62
December	..	..	16.24	16.30	13.99	15.30	14.55	14.13	15.66
March	..	..	14.70	14.60	12.76	13.91	13.75	13.83	14.23
June	..	..	15.84	15.86	13.55	14.86	14.31	14.52	15.28

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Total wages as above divided by total civil employment expressed in male units. Male units equals the number of males plus a proportion of females based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. The same ratio has been used in each State and because the average ratio of female to male earnings may vary between States, precise comparisons between average earnings in different States cannot be made on the basis of the figures above.

NOTE.—Comparisons as to trend should be made for complete years or corresponding periods of incomplete years. Quarterly totals and averages are affected by seasonal influences.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS.

Compiled from information furnished by the Department of Social Services on the operation of the *Unemployment and Sickness Benefits Act 1944* (from 1st July, 1947, Part VII. of the *Social Services Consolidation Act 1947-1952*), which came into effect on 1st July, 1945.

NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF EACH MONTH.(a)

Period.	Unemployment.							Sickness.	Special.(b)
	New South Wales.(c)	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.(d)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.	Australia.(e)	Australia.(e)
Monthly Average—									
1947-48.. ..	637	140	2,640	49	390	32	3,888	8,538	517
1948-49.. ..	282	32	1,094	15	121	31	1,575	7,614	591
1949-50.. ..	8,327	123	1,371	241	155	30	10,247	7,585	897
1950-51.. ..	287	71	326	6	59	14	763	7,059	863
1951-52.. ..	949	220	1,374	24	64	16	2,647	6,454	993
1952-53.. ..	17,590	6,168	4,281	842	841	262	29,984	7,140	1,408
Monthly Total—									
1951-52—									
August (e) (f) ..	121	45	138	9	45	9	367	7,273	950
September ..	102	206	148	4	38	7	505	7,006	955
October ..	118	24	210	6	31	3	392	7,066	962
November ..	152	51	483	4	26	3	719	6,318	963
December ..	336	126	1,551	4	47	3	2,067	5,562	858
January ..	336	53	2,190	3	48	5	2,635	5,942	981
February ..	460	40	2,293	4	50	5	2,852	6,131	997
March ..	858	111	2,742	23	55	7	3,796	6,408	1,047
April ..	1,370	279	2,530	18	55	9	4,261	5,977	1,063
May ..	2,687	379	2,016	57	82	24	5,245	6,241	1,055
June ..	4,613	1,133	2,055	153	236	104	8,294	6,378	1,148
1952-53—									
July ..	7,300	2,947	2,188	448	618	179	13,680	6,387	1,172
August ..	13,661	6,454	2,631	878	954	299	24,877	6,556	1,153
September ..	15,982	7,058	2,716	954	790	306	27,806	6,830	1,170
October (f) ..	19,004	7,042	3,200	1,062	875	367	31,550	6,661	1,458
November ..	20,839	7,685	3,289	1,080	921	316	34,130	7,137	1,368
December ..	25,118	7,817	4,452	1,209	1,233	257	40,086	6,382	1,289
January ..	23,653	8,416	7,034	1,205	1,136	189	41,633	7,077	1,399
February ..	20,867	5,158	7,002	730	816	188	34,761	7,436	1,375
March ..	17,802	4,422	5,882	644	701	223	29,674	7,860	1,284
April ..	16,871	5,454	4,972	658	700	250	28,905	7,418	1,590
May ..	15,351	5,630	4,333	576	654	243	26,787	7,804	1,648
June ..	14,629	5,939	3,677	655	691	323	25,914	8,135	1,985
1953-54—									
July ..	14,296	6,052	3,154	728	870	405	25,505	8,421	2,050
August ..	12,222	5,549	2,794	596	689	447	22,297	8,546	1,746

(a) Last Saturday of month. (b) Excludes migrants. (c) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (d) Includes Northern Territory. (e) Figures in these columns are as furnished by the Department of Social Services. (f) From May, 1951, to September, 1952, the figures represent the number of persons on the cash sheet at the end of each month; thereafter, the figures represent the number actually on benefit.

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UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS--continued.

NUMBER ADMITTED TO UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT AND AMOUNT PAID IN BENEFITS : AUSTRALIA.

Period.	Number Admitted to Unemployment Benefit.			Amount Paid in Benefits.				
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Unem- ployment.	Sickness.	Special—		Total
						Migrants.	Ordinary.	
				£	£	£	£	£
Monthly Average—								
1947-48.. ..	2,273	116	2,389	30,802	65,944	1,319	3,391	101,456
1948-49.. ..	955	56	1,011	11,570	66,319	7,088	4,225	89,202
1949-50.. ..	10,854	2,571	13,425	105,506	68,001	35,361		208,868
1950-51.. ..	881	111	992	5,204	62,143	13,520	5,568	86,435
1951-52.. ..	1,771	520	2,291	15,584	59,157	6,911	2,319	83,971
1952-53.. ..	12,793	1,797	14,590	380,812	116,108	8,172	16,197	521,289
Monthly Total—								
1951-52—								
August	475	73	548	3,931	68,164	667	6,430	79,192
September ..	407	85	492	2,518	62,451	4,509	6,689	76,167
October	468	76	544	3,409	73,246	876	7,670	85,201
November ..	706	121	827	4,085	59,058	384	6,201	69,728
December ..	1,934	241	2,175	7,920	54,718	1,082	5,951	69,671
January	1,940	241	2,181	16,964	61,154	2,949	7,494	88,561
February ..	1,605	448	2,053	24,057	58,020	3,175	7,130	92,382
March	2,442	947	3,389	22,279	51,699	1,401	6,608	81,987
April	2,251	954	3,205	26,442	53,215	1,741	7,297	88,695
May	3,085	1,440	4,525	29,037	55,993	4,712	6,517	96,259
June	5,068	1,500	6,568	42,345	61,706	5,480	9,265	118,796
1952-53—								
July	9,037	2,049	11,086	62,782	52,981	15,648	8,391	139,802
August	18,387	3,257	21,644	108,369	59,372	9,963	9,420	187,124
September ..	13,491	1,914	15,405	165,905	64,754	10,213	6,007	246,879
October	14,502	1,839	16,341	322,697	102,636	15,192	10,096	450,621
November ..	17,071	2,158	19,229	418,643	125,295	3,649	21,388	568,975
December ..	12,611	1,572	14,183	466,964	125,611	4,358	19,752	616,685
January	19,276	1,651	20,927	554,904	145,911	10,905	22,529	734,249
February ..	11,509	1,513	13,022	619,691	145,556	9,706	17,999	792,952
March	8,525	1,249	9,774	479,235	122,060	3,525	14,133	618,953
April	9,641	1,299	10,940	413,500	116,520	5,844	15,348	551,212
May	10,716	1,698	12,414	489,769	169,313	6,857	23,464	689,403
June	8,746	1,371	10,117	467,289	163,285	2,204	25,839	658,617
1953-54—								
July	8,233	1,467	9,700	367,739	142,114	7,141	28,352	545,346
August	8,153	1,377	9,530					

TRADE UNION UNEMPLOYMENT RETURNS.

The only records of unemployment available continuously over a long period of years at short intervals are the quarterly percentages reported by trade unions to the Commonwealth Statistician. The membership of the reporting unions consists predominantly of males, and represents at present about 55 per cent. of the total trade union membership and between 25 and 30 per cent. of all wage and salary earners. For some States and some industries the returns are more representative than for others. This table, therefore, should not be read as indicating the relative degree of unemployment amongst unionists in the individual States or industrial groups. It is an indication of trend of unemployment as estimated or recorded by secretaries of those trade unions which supply returns. Returns are not collected from unions whose members are predominantly in permanent employment (Governmental, &c.) or casual employment (wharf labourers, &c.). The percentages relate to unemployment due to all causes except unemployment of those directly involved in industrial disputes.

(Per Cent.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
1936-37	12.8	10.1	7.4	9.4	6.0	8.4	10.6
1937-38	10.0	8.2	6.9	7.3	5.4	6.8	8.5
1938-39	10.3	10.0	6.0	9.4	6.5	8.9	9.3
1946-47	1.5	1.3	0.9	1.1	1.4	2.3	1.4
1947-48	1.0	0.9	0.6	0.9	1.1	1.5	1.0
1948-49	0.9	0.8	0.4	1.0	0.8	0.6	0.8
1949-50 (a) ..	3.3	0.7	0.9	2.2	1.1	0.7	2.0
1950-51	0.9	0.7	0.5	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.8
1951-52 p ..	1.3	1.0	0.9	1.1	0.9	1.7	1.2
1952-53 p ..	4.1	4.3	2.1	3.1	1.7	4.6	3.7
1949-50— May	1.0	0.5	0.3	0.7	1.5	0.8	0.8
1950-51— August	1.1	0.7	0.5	1.1	0.8	0.5	0.8
November ..	0.9	0.7	0.3	0.9	0.9	0.4	0.7
February ..	0.8	0.6	0.2	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.7
May	0.9	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.7	1.0	0.8
1951-52— August	0.6	0.5	0.2	0.8	0.7	1.2	0.6
November ..	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.8	0.7	0.9	0.7
February p ..	1.2	1.0	1.1	0.9	0.5	1.1	1.1
May p	2.8	1.6	1.8	2.0	1.6	3.4	2.2
1952-53— August p ..	4.2	4.9	2.5	3.8	2.4	5.2	4.0
November p ..	4.8	4.8	1.8	3.2	1.5	5.2	4.1
February p ..	3.9	3.8	2.2	2.8	1.6	4.7	3.4
May p	3.5	3.7	2.0	2.4	1.2	3.3	3.1

(a) Includes all members of reporting unions indirectly affected by the industrial dispute in the coal mining industry; those directly affected are, however, excluded.

NOTE.—Fuller particulars are shown in the *Quarterly Summary of Australian Statistics*.

INDUSTRIAL GROUPS: CHANGE FROM FEBRUARY, 1953 TO MAY, 1953.

Manufacturing—I. Wood, furniture, &c., 5.5% to 4.1%; II. Engineering, metal works, &c., 2.1% to 1.5%; III. Food, drink, tobacco, &c., Nil (4.8%); IV. Clothing, textiles, &c., 1.1% to 1.2%; V. Books, printing, &c., 0.5% to 0.3%; VI. Other Manufacturing, 9.2% to 7.6%; VII. Building, 5.6% to 6.4%; VIII. Mining, quarrying, &c., Nil (2.4%); X. Land Transport, other than railway and tramway services, 2.6% to 1.2%; IX., XI., XII., XIII. and XIV., Other and Miscellaneous, 2.6% to 2.8%; All groups—3.4% to 3.1%.

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IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : ECONOMIC CLASSES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Producers' Materials for use in—								Fuels and Lubricants.		Auxiliary Aids to Production.		Munitions and War Stores.	
	Building and Construction.		Rural Industries.		Manufacturing.		Total.							
	Class Ia.		Class Ib.		Class Ic.		Class I.		Class II.		Class III.		Class VII.	
Monthly Average—		%		%		%		%		%		%		%
1936-37 ..	347	4.0	143	1.7	3,435	39.9	3,925	45.6	621	7.2	408	4.7	31	0.4
1937-38 ..	472	4.4	155	1.5	4,285	40.2	4,912	46.1	784	7.4	470	4.4	36	0.4
1938-39 ..	385	4.1	171	1.8	3,599	38.2	4,155	44.1	736	7.8	469	4.9	88	0.9
1946-47 ..	405	2.3	316	1.8	7,595	43.8	8,316	47.9	1,527	8.8	1,129	6.5	428	2.5
1947-48 ..	727	2.6	289	1.0	12,362	43.9	13,378	47.5	2,379	8.4	2,059	7.3	129	0.5
1948-49 ..	1,194	3.5	318	0.9	13,545	39.2	15,057	43.6	3,037	8.8	2,212	6.4	257	0.7
1949-50 ..	2,026	4.5	431	1.0	14,438	32.3	16,895	37.8	3,852	8.6	2,390	5.4	129	0.3
1950-51 ..	3,416	5.5	416	0.7	23,479	38.0	27,311	44.2	5,029	8.1	2,829	4.6	94	0.2
1951-52 ..	4,898	5.6	518	0.6	34,630	39.6	40,046	45.8	5,902	6.7	5,236	6.0	1,132	1.3
1952-53 p..	1,482	3.5	368	0.9	14,620	34.4	16,470	38.8	5,313	12.5	1,894	4.5	756	1.8
Monthly Total—														
1951-52—														
August ..	5,175	6.4	698	0.9	32,835	41.0	38,708	48.3	5,431	6.8	2,940	3.7	101	0.1
September ..	5,183	5.5	465	0.5	42,478	44.9	48,126	50.9	5,899	6.2	6,157	6.5	200	0.2
October..	6,367	5.7	495	0.4	45,293	40.8	52,155	46.9	5,154	4.7	8,431	7.6	321	0.3
November	4,714	4.8	846	0.9	37,711	38.6	43,271	44.3	5,984	6.1	6,432	6.6	564	0.6
December	5,638	8.2	667	1.0	27,162	39.8	33,467	49.0	3,884	5.7	3,679	5.4	514	0.7
January ..	8,144	7.1	620	0.5	46,944	41.1	55,708	48.7	8,079	7.1	4,522	4.0	1,753	1.5
February	5,604	5.3	471	0.4	41,109	38.8	47,184	44.5	5,515	5.2	7,709	7.3	1,509	1.4
March ..	4,736	5.5	334	0.4	31,587	37.0	36,657	42.9	6,540	7.7	5,704	6.7	1,663	1.9
April ..	4,528	5.6	396	0.5	29,541	36.2	34,465	42.3	5,595	6.9	4,793	5.9	2,127	2.6
May ..	3,629	4.8	497	0.7	24,611	32.7	28,737	38.2	6,753	9.0	5,042	6.7	2,626	3.5
June ..	1,828	3.3	310	0.6	19,467	35.5	21,605	39.4	6,021	11.0	3,255	5.9	2,051	3.8
1952-53 p—														
July ..	1,736	3.5	385	0.8	16,940	33.9	19,061	38.2	6,608	13.3	4,240	8.5	890	1.8
August ..	836	2.1	405	1.0	15,161	38.3	16,402	41.4	5,465	13.8	2,879	7.3	297	0.8
September	1,490	3.5	458	1.1	15,464	36.5	17,412	41.1	6,222	14.6	1,844	4.4	381	0.9
October..	1,722	3.9	403	0.9	13,500	30.7	15,625	35.5	5,924	13.5	814	1.9	305	0.7
November	1,395	3.9	246	0.7	12,565	35.4	14,206	40.0	4,551	12.8	1,227	3.5	415	1.1
December	1,400	3.7	276	0.7	12,329	31.9	14,005	36.3	5,127	13.3	1,358	3.6	223	0.6
January ..	1,407	3.1	316	0.7	15,906	35.6	17,629	39.4	5,549	12.4	1,575	3.5	267	0.6
February	1,280	3.1	404	1.0	13,393	32.2	15,077	36.3	4,910	11.8	1,330	3.2	4,362	10.5
March ..	1,478	3.3	331	0.8	15,620	35.3	17,429	39.4	4,472	10.1	1,642	3.7	222	0.5
April ..	1,525	3.6	337	0.7	14,393	33.3	16,255	37.6	5,802	13.4	1,514	3.5	459	1.1
May ..	1,762	4.0	500	1.1	15,683	35.5	17,945	40.6	4,961	11.2	2,072	4.7	621	1.4
June ..	1,749	4.2	363	0.9	14,483	34.5	16,595	39.6	4,170	9.9	2,238	5.3	625	1.5
1953-54—														
July ..	1,455	2.8	358	0.7	17,737	34.1	19,550	37.6	6,541	12.6	2,043	3.9	301	0.6

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IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : ECONOMIC CLASSES—continued.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period	Capital Equipment.						Finished Consumers' Goods.							
	Producers' Equipment.		Transport Equipment.				Food, Beverages and Tobacco.		Clothing and Accessories.		All Other.		Total.	
			Road Vehicles and Complete Parts.		Railway Equipment, Vessels and Civil Aircraft.									
	Class IV.		Class V. B.		Class V. A, C, D.		Class VI. A, B, C.		Class VI. D.		Class VI. E-J.		Class VI.	
Monthly Average—		%		%		%		%		%		%		%
1936-37 ..	884	10.3	872	10.2	146	1.7	516	6.0	46	0.5	1,157	13.4	1,719	19.9
1937-38 ..	1,149	10.9	1,161	11.0	205	1.9	531	5.0	68	0.6	1,299	12.3	1,898	17.9
1938-39 ..	1,104	11.7	899	9.5	119	1.3	564	6.0	84	0.9	1,217	12.9	1,865	19.8
1946-47 ..	1,435	8.3	1,544	8.9	231	1.3	868	5.0	107	0.6	1,777	10.2	2,752	15.8
1947-48 ..	2,393	8.5	2,437	8.6	172	0.6	1,617	5.7	280	1.0	3,330	11.9	5,227	18.6
1948-49 ..	3,409	9.9	4,231	12.2	355	1.0	1,619	4.7	614	1.8	3,714	10.9	5,947	17.4
1949-50 ..	5,297	11.9	8,643	19.3	497	1.1	2,163	4.8	578	1.3	4,233	9.5	6,974	15.6
1950-51 ..	6,675	10.8	9,239	14.9	1,137	1.8	2,871	4.7	745	1.2	5,893	9.5	9,509	15.4
1951-52 ..	9,960	11.4	10,941	12.5	1,661	1.9	3,074	3.5	1,149	1.3	8,377	9.6	12,600	14.4
1952-53 p ..	8,409	19.8	3,569	8.4	1,703	4.0	1,917	4.5	130	0.3	2,308	5.4	4,355	10.2
Monthly Total—														
1951-52—														
August ..	9,270	11.6	10,049	12.5	1,278	1.6	3,443	4.3	831	1.0	8,098	10.1	12,372	15.4
September ..	8,876	9.4	9,780	10.3	1,421	1.5	3,815	4.0	1,399	1.5	9,009	9.5	14,223	15.0
October ..	10,985	9.9	14,083	12.7	1,958	1.8	4,327	3.9	1,560	1.4	11,974	10.8	17,861	16.1
November ..	9,795	10.0	13,582	13.9	2,110	2.2	3,687	3.8	1,558	1.6	10,681	10.9	15,926	16.3
December ..	7,210	10.6	8,087	11.9	1,053	1.5	2,039	3.0	1,065	1.6	7,233	10.6	10,337	15.2
January ..	11,374	10.0	13,992	12.2	2,864	2.5	3,096	2.7	1,785	1.6	11,063	9.7	15,944	14.0
February ..	11,450	10.8	15,836	14.9	2,390	2.3	2,698	2.5	1,856	1.8	9,836	9.3	14,390	13.6
March ..	10,190	11.9	10,714	12.5	1,086	1.3	2,617	3.1	1,543	1.8	8,687	10.2	12,847	15.1
April ..	10,893	13.3	10,691	13.1	1,303	1.6	2,441	3.0	901	1.1	8,325	10.2	11,667	14.3
May ..	12,447	16.5	10,073	13.4	1,479	2.0	2,206	2.9	419	0.5	5,535	7.3	8,160	10.7
June ..	10,000	18.2	5,149	9.4	1,665	3.0	1,859	3.4	141	0.3	3,134	5.6	5,134	9.3
1952-53 p—														
July ..	8,474	17.0	4,852	9.7	2,048	4.1	1,577	3.2	118	0.2	1,992	4.0	3,687	7.4
August ..	6,489	16.4	2,859	7.2	1,902	4.8	1,434	3.6	98	0.2	1,769	4.5	3,301	8.3
September ..	8,231	19.3	2,667	6.4	1,355	3.2	2,146	5.1	105	0.2	2,021	4.8	4,272	10.1
October ..	10,093	23.0	2,933	6.7	4,326	9.8	1,590	3.6	107	0.3	2,196	5.0	3,893	8.9
November ..	7,299	20.5	3,004	8.5	1,678	4.7	1,135	3.2	80	0.2	1,949	5.5	3,164	8.9
December ..	8,322	21.6	3,074	8.0	2,337	6.1	1,915	5.0	111	0.3	1,988	5.2	4,014	10.5
January ..	9,158	20.5	4,555	10.2	1,464	3.3	2,221	5.0	105	0.2	2,181	4.9	4,507	10.1
February ..	8,639	20.8	3,002	7.2	1,358	3.3	917	2.2	72	0.2	1,850	4.5	2,839	6.9
March ..	9,246	20.9	4,159	9.4	2,018	4.6	1,960	4.4	197	0.5	2,865	6.5	5,022	11.4
April ..	8,790	20.3	3,803	8.8	555	1.3	2,947	6.8	208	0.5	2,907	6.7	6,062	14.0
May ..	8,130	18.4	3,907	8.8	493	1.1	2,913	6.6	157	0.3	3,036	6.9	6,106	13.8
June ..	8,032	19.1	4,012	9.6	898	2.1	2,253	5.4	204	0.5	2,939	7.0	5,396	12.9
1953-54 p—														
July ..	8,753	16.8	5,247	10.1	1,016	1.9	3,829	7.4	283	0.5	4,490	8.6	8,602	16.5

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : DEGREE OF MANUFACTURE.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Producers' Materials. (Class I.)			Finished Consumers' Goods. (Class VI.)			Total Imports of Merchandise. (All Classes.)			
	Crude.	Simply transformed.	Elaborately transformed.	Crude.	Simply transformed.	Elaborately transformed.	Crude.	Simply transformed.	Elaborately transformed.	Total.
Monthly Average—										
1936-37 ..	1,024	373	2,528	45	303	1,371	1,069	1,505	6,032	8,606
1937-38 ..	1,241	449	3,222	48	300	1,550	1,289	1,796	7,530	10,615
1938-39 ..	1,100	351	2,704	55	309	1,501	1,155	1,627	6,653	9,435
1946-47 ..	2,422	795	5,099	109	634	2,009	2,531	3,321	11,510	17,362
1947-48 ..	2,903	1,803	8,672	107	1,110	4,010	3,010	5,872	19,292	28,174
1948-49 ..	3,273	2,059	9,725	133	899	4,915	3,406	6,738	24,361	34,505
1949-50 ..	3,916	1,777	11,202	180	1,277	5,517	4,096	7,851	32,730	44,677
1950-51 ..	7,012	3,185	17,114	273	1,600	7,636	7,285	10,961	43,577	61,823
1951-52 ..	7,788	4,788	27,469	359	1,446	10,795	8,147	13,933	65,398	87,478
1952-53 p ..	4,712	2,195	9,563	251	1,182	2,922	4,963	9,443	28,063	42,469
Monthly Total—										
1951-52—										
August ..	6,159	5,934	26,615	633	1,482	10,257	6,792	14,480	58,877	80,149
September ..	7,083	5,501	35,542	524	1,674	12,025	7,607	14,809	72,266	94,682
October ..	10,439	7,707	34,009	669	1,574	15,618	11,108	16,585	83,255	110,948
November ..	7,625	5,926	29,720	294	1,591	14,041	7,919	15,612	74,133	97,664
December ..	5,386	3,825	24,256	143	765	9,429	5,529	9,895	52,807	68,231
January ..	10,808	7,976	36,924	251	1,366	14,327	11,059	19,678	83,499	114,236
February ..	8,448	4,872	33,864	202	1,313	12,875	8,650	14,031	83,302	105,983
March ..	6,808	3,171	26,678	167	1,154	11,526	6,975	12,703	65,723	85,401
April ..	4,616	3,090	26,759	260	1,243	10,164	4,876	11,814	64,844	81,534
May ..	6,498	2,512	19,727	375	1,087	6,698	6,873	12,011	56,433	75,317
June ..	4,656	2,820	14,129	142	1,581	3,411	4,798	11,675	38,407	54,880
1952-53 p—										
July ..	5,121	1,780	12,160	110	1,011	2,566	5,231	10,550	34,079	49,860
August ..	4,445	2,768	9,189	173	998	2,130	4,618	9,994	24,982	39,594
September ..	4,823	2,956	9,633	221	1,543	2,508	5,044	11,514	25,826	42,384
October ..	3,648	2,084	9,891	333	906	2,654	3,981	8,949	30,983	43,913
November ..	4,240	2,342	7,624	159	518	2,487	4,399	8,001	23,144	35,544
December ..	4,016	1,214	8,775	200	1,137	2,677	4,216	8,196	26,048	38,460
January ..	4,928	2,407	10,294	367	1,480	2,660	5,295	10,294	29,115	44,704
February ..	5,095	1,368	8,614	115	473	2,251	5,210	7,490	28,817	41,517
March ..	4,780	2,212	10,437	199	1,270	3,553	4,979	8,789	30,442	44,210
April ..	5,046	2,308	8,901	482	1,825	3,755	5,528	10,767	26,945	43,240
May ..	5,158	2,709	10,078	320	1,773	4,013	5,478	10,332	28,425	44,235
June ..	5,246	2,194	9,155	331	1,250	3,814	5,577	8,434	27,955	41,966
1953-54 p—										
July ..	5,168	2,593	11,789	687	1,749	6,166	5,855	11,899	34,299	52,053

Note.—Class II. consists entirely of goods "simply transformed", and Classes IV., V. and VII. entirely of goods "more elaborately transformed". Class III. is about equally divided between goods "simply" and "more elaborately" transformed.

For meaning of symbols r, p, see page 1.

EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period	Wool.	Wheat and Flour.	Butter.	Sugar.	Meats.	Hides and Skins.	Lead.	Dried Fruits.	Fresh Fruits.	Total Exports. (b)
Monthly Average—										
1936-37.. ..	5,209	2,029	734	309	861	609	402	172	165	12,374
1937-38.. ..	3,915	2,245	898	336	1,021	516	409	224	171	11,806
1938-39.. ..	3,561	1,106	1,074	348	982	342	356	239	169	10,212
 1946-47.. ..	10,511	2,406	1,048	235	1,761	1,228	904	202	129	25,752
1947-48.. ..	12,396	7,053	1,719	264	1,882	1,030	1,148	213	324	33,844
1948-49.. ..	19,283	8,202	1,984	1,108	(a)2,388	1,017	1,856	288	260	45,206
1949-50.. ..	26,096	7,376	2,056	1,185	2,854	1,263	1,416	241	328	51,141
1950-51.. ..	52,779	8,921	1,539	1,240	2,533	2,272	1,796	389	477	81,816
1951-52.. ..	26,953	7,359	383	586	2,957	1,428	2,156	472	572	55,668
1952-53 p ..	33,601	7,475	1,684	1,839	5,484	1,682	2,118	669	791	70,988
 Monthly Total—										
1951-52—										
August	10,818	11,671	119	2,106	4,062	1,717	2,339	519	312	45,857
September ..	11,209	9,172	29	799	3,014	1,266	2,708	431	111	39,145
October	26,296	9,409	181	950	3,064	1,664	2,576	462	134	56,986
November .. .	36,646	6,879	800	1,088	2,855	1,724	3,247	238	125	66,841
December .. .	30,619	3,233	359	217	2,312	1,089	1,277	114	53	49,652
January	36,652	5,464	1,234	30	2,408	1,572	1,154	96	72	64,560
February .. .	32,486	5,475	392	57	2,281	1,510	1,099	52	119	56,253
March	38,014	5,863	196	54	2,465	1,338	2,927	5	343	66,563
April	30,167	7,972	172	31	2,713	1,263	3,054	575	991	59,000
May	21,273	7,540	498	294	3,616	1,010	1,182	1,350	2,098	51,825
June	22,248	6,070	397	142	2,887	1,222	2,787	902	2,150	53,021
 1952-53 p—										
July	23,912	5,899	438	37	5,083	1,351	3,743	907	1,026	57,496
 August	9,698	6,973	593	881	5,515	1,616	2,467	1,120	543	41,810
September ..	15,320	5,525	1,029	2,234	6,026	1,342	1,764	1,017	184	50,226
October	41,555	5,887	3,165	2,839	7,953	1,665	3,687	104	207	84,817
November .. .	46,436	6,650	2,618	3,533	6,895	1,767	3,710	147	86	86,348
December .. .	48,457	4,893	3,369	1,595	5,613	1,754	494	20	159	81,743
January	34,469	6,391	1,024	2,249	5,137	1,637	931	19	13	66,937
February .. .	31,920	5,050	1,351	2,657	4,644	1,942	1,708	18	172	65,018
March	48,693	10,097	2,285	3,026	4,872	1,524	1,660	153	1,068	90,207
April	38,590	10,345	1,502	1,793	4,348	1,992	2,151	1,520	2,347	79,406
May	31,484	9,831	1,499	964	4,449	1,966	1,470	1,915	3,012	73,281
June	32,683	12,155	1,339	259	5,271	1,633	1,629	1,092	679	74,569
 1953-54 p—										
July	32,514	12,893	818	1,110	7,501	1,731	2,172	1,483	413	76,707

(a) Prior to July, 1948, included Soups (1948-49 monthly average exports £92,000).
Gold Ingot, Bar, Sheet, Granulated, Dust, &c., and Gold Specie.

(b) Excludes Gold contained in Matte,

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

EXPORT PRICE INDEXES.

These index-numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which normally constitute about 80 per cent. of all exports. For some metals and for wheat (from July, 1945 to September, 1951), the index of prices is deduced from average value of current sales or shipments and hence shows some irregularity. From October, 1951, the prices used for wheat are the estimated average realizations after weighting prices of quota and non-quota wheat.

SIMPLE AGGREGATIVE INDEX: FIXED WEIGHTS.

In this index the prices of the commodities are multiplied by the average annual exports (production in the case of gold) during the three years 1933-34 to 1935-36.

(Base of each Section : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Wool.	Wheat.	Butter.	Metals. (a)	Meats. (b)	Sugar.	Dried Fruits. (c)	Tallow.	Hides. (d)	Gold. (e)	All Groups.	
											Ex- cluding Gold.	In- cluding Gold.
Percentage Dis- tribution of Base Aggregate	(f)	(g)									..	100.00
	45.63	17.06	11.36	6.83	6.63	2.40	1.81	0.64	0.66	6.98	100.00	..
	49.05	18.34	12.21	7.34	7.13	2.58	1.94	0.69	0.72	..	..	..
1936-37 ..	122	123	92	120	98	104	103	122	113	99	116	115
1937-38 ..	99	111	107	96	106	92	103	100	100	98	102	102
1938-39 ..	79	66	101	84	96	104	94	78	87	103	82	83
1947-48 ..	287	420	193	372	146	320	157	436	364	122	296	283
1948-49 ..	365	413	233	478	171	343	162	499	421	122	348	332
1949-50 ..	473	400	250	421	196	369	176	400	479	164	399	383
1950-51 ..	999	432	271	689	209	410	226	356	752	176	690	654
1951-52 ..	564	436	291	811	263	464	302	451	486	184	495	473
1952-53 ..	p616	p441	313	504	314	501	297	358	369	186	p504	p482
1951-52—												
August ..	551	452	291	842	237	426	303	354	521	176	490	468
September ..	498	445	291	862	237	426	303	354	541	176	465	445
October ..	686	432	291	869	271	426	303	483	575	176	559	532
November ..	603	432	291	*835	271	426	303	483	566	176	515	492
December ..	581	432	291	860	271	426	303	483	561	189	506	484
January ..	566	432	291	825	271	501	303	483	531	193	498	477
February ..	520	432	291	827	271	501	303	483	451	196	475	456
March ..	460	432	291	817	273	501	300	483	378	193	445	427
April ..	475	432	291	799	273	501	300	483	398	187	451	432
May ..	543	432	291	711	273	501	300	483	346	184	477	457
June ..	566	432	291	641	273	501	300	483	343	186	483	463
1952-53—												
July ..	(h) 566	432	313	621	294	501	300	483	340	186	486	465
August ..	(h) 566	432	313	613	294	501	300	483	381	187	486	465
September ..	551	432	313	603	294	501	300	483	379	188	477	457
October ..	588	432	313	501	321	501	300	(h) 483	383	188	490	469
November ..	588	432	313	501	321	501	300	360	404	187	490	469
December ..	618	p448	313	510	321	501	300	322	395	184	p508	p485
January ..	618	p448	313	509	321	501	300	298	391	189	p508	p485
February ..	626	p448	313	475	321	501	300	295	375	186	p509	p486
March ..	p656	p448	313	463	321	501	290	298	364	185	p522	p499
April ..	p671	p448	313	418	321	501	290	284	344	185	p526	p502
May ..	p701	p448	313	407	321	501	290	252	352	184	p540	p515
June ..	p641	p448	313	429	321	500	290	249	326	181	p512	p489
1953-54—												
July ..	(i) 641	p448	325	446	331	500	290	244	319	183	p515	p492

(a) Silver, copper, tin, zinc, lead.

(b) Beef, lamb, mutton, pork.

(c) Sultanias, lexiass, currants.

(d) Cattle hides, calf skins.

(e) The price used in the index since 14th December, 1951, is the price of Australian gold on overseas premium markets.

(f) For All Groups (including Gold)—applicable from 1936-37.

(g) For All Groups (excluding Gold)—applicable from 1936-37.

(h) Nominal.

(i) Nominal, subject to revision.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

EXPORT PRICE INDEXES—continued.

RECENT TRENDS—EXPORT PRICE INDEX—WOOL AND "OTHER GROUPS".

Reference to the group indexes in the table on page 18 hereof will show the great increases and the wide dispersion of prices of export commodities in recent years. In particular, very great movements upwards and downwards occurred in the price of wool during the twelve months ended June, 1951(a). Similar, but less marked, movements have occurred in prices of metals and hides. Since wool is a predominant export (with 46 per cent. of the Base Aggregate of the index) fluctuations in wool prices obscure the movements affecting the other components in the All Groups index. For purposes of comparison they are shown separately below.

(Base of each Section : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Month.	1951-52(a).			1952-53.			1953-54.		
					Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.
1936-37	122	108	115	July ..	b 717	400	544	b 566	381	465	c 641	p367	p492
1937-38	99	105	102	August ..	551	400	468	b 566	380	465			
1938-39	79	87	83	September	498	400	445	551	379	457			
				October..	686	403	532	588	370	469			
1945-46	117	171	146	November	603	398	492	588	368	469			
1946-47	173	228	203	December	581	403	484	618	p374	p485			
1947-48	287	280	283	January ..	566	402	477	618	p374	p485			
1948-49	365	305	332	February	520	402	456	626	p369	p486			
1949-50	473	308	383	March ..	460	400	427	p656	p367	p499			
1950-51	999	365	654	April ..	475	397	432	p671	p361	p502			
1951-52	564	397	473	May ..	543	385	457	p701	p359	p515			
1952-53	p616	p370	p482	June ..	566	376	463	p641	p361	p489			

(a) Monthly index-numbers for 1950-51 were last published in issue No. 190, July, 1953, of the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics*.
 (b) Nominal. (c) Nominal, subject to revision.

MONTH-TO-MONTH INDEX : CHANGING WEIGHTS.

The index-numbers in the two preceding tables, while they indicate satisfactorily the general trend of the market, take no account of the relative quantities actually sold at the different prices ruling during each month. In consequence the index-numbers do not give an adequate indication of the significance of the price movements as they actually affected current sales. This is shown more accurately by the index-numbers (including gold) in the following table, in the computation of which the "quantity-multipliers" are changed each month. The index-numbers are designed solely for comparisons of current prices with those of the corresponding months, or periods of months, of the preceding year.

(Base : Weighted average price level in corresponding months of preceding year = 100.)

Month.	Month stated compared with same month of preceding year.						Period of trade year ending in month stated compared with same period of preceding year.					
	1951-52.		1952-53.		1953-54.		1951-52.		1952-53.		1953-54.	
	Ex-cluding Wool.	In-cluding Wool.	Ex-cluding Wool.	In-cluding Wool.	Ex-cluding Wool.	In-cluding Wool.	Ex-cluding Wool.	In-cluding Wool.	Ex-cluding Wool.	In-cluding Wool.	Ex-cluding Wool.	In-cluding Wool.
July ..	116	119	93	84	97	107	116	119	93	84	97	107
August ..	113	87	96	98			114	104	94	89		
September	110	80	95	102			113	96	95	93		
October	107	85	93	88			111	92	94	91		
November	106	70	93	96			110	85	94	92		
December	106	67	98	105			110	82	95	95		
January	106	54	95	105			109	75	95	96		
February	107	50	93	112			109	71	95	98		
March ..	105	41	91	126			109	66	94	101		
April ..	100	53	92	123			108	64	94	104		
May ..	98	65	97	117			107	65	94	105		
June ..	95	84	96	107			106	66	94	105		

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

WHOLESALE PRICE (BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS) INDEX.

Commodities in this index are priced in their primary or basic form wherever possible. The prices used have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants, and, with a few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from locally-produced building materials and one or two minor commodities, however, the price movements may be taken as representative of variations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on estimates of the average annual consumption of the commodities in Australia during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Basic Materials.							Food-stuffs and Tobacco.	Basic Materials and Foodstuffs.		
	Metals and Coal.	Oils, Fats and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materials.	Total.		Goods principally Imported. (a)	Goods principally Home Produced.	Total All Groups.
1936-37 ..	96	99	118	99	111	99	99	97	99	98	98
1937-38 ..	101	101	100	100	97	104	102	100	102	100	101
1938-39 ..	103	100	82	101	92	97	99	103	99	102	101
1946-47 ..	132	145	191	140	131	180	149	138	177	129	143
1947-48 ..	146	161	283	148	126	190	166	153	192	145	159
1948-49 ..	185	173	342	159	130	198	188	175	201	173	181
1949-50 ..	214	184	434	187	143	225	214	198	223	198	205
1950-51 ..	256	196	641	242	292	268	264	232	256	242	246
1951-52 ..	343	220	577	314	298	370	321	281	288	305	300
1952-53 ..	392	234	p607	350	224	404	p350	293	290	p331	p319
1951-52—											
August ..	308	209	604	301	351	316	299	292	274	304	295
September ..	314	212	566	305	348	320	301	282	276	297	291
October ..	320	213	698	305	347	344	315	266	282	291	288
November ..	341	223	633	307	323	362	324	261	289	290	290
December ..	344	223	616	313	271	364	322	270	286	297	294
January ..	346	223	605	313	270	365	322	266	286	294	292
February ..	363	223	560	317	264	394	331	280	295	307	304
March ..	365	223	504	327	261	394	330	289	295	313	308
April ..	370	223	517	327	262	395	332	294	296	318	312
May ..	379	230	559	327	278	433	347	294	301	325	318
June ..	379	230	570	331	296	433	349	298	301	330	321
1952-53—											
July ..	392	230	570	344	279	435	354	304	301	337	327
August ..	394	230	577	350	241	418	351	303	294	338	325
September ..	399	230	566	349	237	418	352	295	294	333	321
October ..	390	235	589	349	233	418	352	283	295	322	314
November ..	390	237	589	349	223	420	352	280	294	321	313
December ..	390	237	609	349	227	420	353	291	296	329	319
January ..	389	236	608	349	227	420	353	r289	295	r328	r318
February ..	391	235	611	350	223	420	353	r288	287	r327	r315
March ..	393	235	p640	355	212	391	p350	r287	288	rp328	p316
April ..	392	235	p643	355	212	391	p350	r297	286	rp336	p321
May ..	391	233	p661	359	203	391	p344	r300	276	rp338	rp320
June ..	392	233	p621	348	199	364	p342	303	280	rp338	rp321
1953-54—											
July ..	391	225	p583	329	198	365	p336	rp314	273	rp346	rp324

(a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally.

For meaning of symbols r, p, see page 1.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Australia.	Canada.	France.	India.	New Zealand.	South Africa.	Sweden.	United Kingdom.		U.S.A.
	Commonwealth Statistician.	Dominion Statistician.	Inst. Nat. de la Stat.	Economic Adviser to the Government of India.	Government Statistician.	Census and Statistics Office.	Board of Trade.	Board of Trade.	Economist.	Bureau of Labour Statistics. (a)
1936-37 ..	98	101	83	104	96	97	98	100	105	104
1937-38 ..	101	104	105	100	102	103	103	104	102	101
1938-39 ..	101	95	112	96	102	100	99	96	93	95
1949-50 ..	205	195	2,196	(b) 389	184	195	198	237	235	186
1950-51 ..	246	224	(c) 123	426	210	216	237	288	283	211
1951-52 ..	300	229	145	414	243	252	285	321	297	213
1952-53 ..	p319		141	386	252	269	p278	p320	p292	209
1952-53—										
October ..	314	215	140	388	258	272	284	319	290	210
November ..	313	216	140	383	256	274	275	317	290	209
December ..	319	216	140	373	256	273	276	320	293	207
January ..	r318	216	141	378	251	r270	274	320	291	208
February ..	315	216	139	382	250	266	273	316	292	207
March ..	p316	217	140	385	248	265	273	321	293	208
April ..	p321	214	139	385	247	265	272	325	292	207
May ..	rp320	215	139	397	248	267	271	323	293	208
June ..	rp321		139	405	249	268	p271	p322	p293	207
1953-54—										
July ..	rp324		137	408				p322		210

(a) New Series (linked as at January, 1947, to former series to show movement prior to that date).
prior to July, 1947. Thereafter "General Purpose Series", on base : Year ended August, 1939 = 100.
1949 = 100.

(b) "Sensitive Series"
(c) New Series. Base :

RETAIL PRICE INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100 (a)).

Period.	Australia.(a)	Canada.	New Zealand.	South Africa.	United Kingdom.(a)	United States of America.
	Common-wealth Statistician.(b)	Dominion Statistician.	Government Statistician.	Census and Statistics Office.	Ministry of Labour.	Bureau of Labour Statistics.
1936-37	973	98	96	97	Base :	100
1937-38	998	102	101	101	17th June,	101
1938-39	1,029	100	103	102	1947=100.	99
1948-49	1,528	158	142	155	(c) 109	170
1949-50	1,669	160	146	159	113	166
1950-51	1,906	172	159	168	118	178
1951-52	2,337	186	176	182	(d) 131	186
1952-53	2,550	184	185	194	139	189
1952-53—						
October	2,530	184	184	195	138	189
November		185		195	138	189
December		184		195	138	189
January	2,558	184	185	194	138	189
February		184		193	139	188
March		182		194	140	188
April	2,586	182	188	194	141	188
May		182		195	140	189
June		183		198	141	190
July		183		197	141	190

(a) For bases of series for Australia and United Kingdom, see footnotes (b), (c) and (d).
(b) For Australia the base is the average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.
(c) New series on base 17th June, 1947 = 100 ; cannot be linked to former series.
(d) From the month of February, 1952, the new series on base 15th January, 1952 = 100 has been linked to former series on base 17th June, 1947 = 100.

For meaning of symbols r, p, —, see page 1.

RETAIL PRICE AND WAGE-RATE INDEXES.

In the tables on this and the following page the index-numbers have been recomputed uniformly to the base average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000 in order to facilitate comparisons with other data. The absolute index-numbers differ, in consequence, from those appearing in other publications of the Bureau.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	Retail Price Indexes : Six Capital Cities.						Weekly Wage-rate Indexes : Six States.	
	Food and Groceries.	Rent of 4 and 5 roomed houses.	Food, &c., and Rent ("B" Series).	Clothing.	Mis-cellaneous.	Food, &c., Rent, Clothing and Mis-cellaneous ("C" Series).	Nominal Rates, Adult Males.	"Real" Wage, Adult Males.(a)
1936-37	963	968	965	976	996	973	949	976
1937-38	989	1,001	993	1,006	1,003	998	1,007	1,009
1938-39	1,048	1,031	1,042	1,018	1,001	1,029	1,044	1,015
1946-47	1,208	1,054	1,147	1,873	1,225	1,309	1,423	1,087
1947-48	1,333	1,056	1,222	2,013	1,279	1,392	1,565	1,123
1948-49	1,531	1,058	1,340	2,264	1,349	1,528	1,757	1,150
1949-50	1,664	1,063	1,421	2,626	1,443	1,669	1,913	1,147
1950-51	1,998	1,076	1,626	3,044	1,597	1,906	2,298	1,206
1951-52	2,694	1,104	2,051	3,623	1,898	2,337	2,806	1,201
1952-53	2,950	1,194	2,239	3,893	2,124	2,550	3,104	1,217
1950-51—								
April	2,153	1,087	1,752	3,357	1,710	2,067	2,507	1,213
May	2,186							
June	2,269							
1951-52—								
July	2,372	1,091	1,897	3,463	1,787	2,191	2,629	1,200
August	2,443							
September	2,517							
October	2,576	1,094	2,018	3,582	1,870	2,303	2,771	1,203
November	2,684							
December	2,673							
January	2,706	1,105	2,085	3,658	1,905	2,366	2,878	1,216
February	2,750							
March	2,796							
April	2,935	1,124	2,204	3,789	2,031	2,488	2,946	1,184
May	2,935							
June	2,941							
1952-53—								
July	2,993	1,156	2,233	3,808	2,103	2,524	3,054	1,210
August	2,958							
September	2,945							
October	2,915	1,181	2,210	3,884	2,121	2,530	3,102	1,226
November	2,888							
December	2,921							
January	2,944	1,212	2,243	3,912	2,134	2,558	3,110	1,216
February	2,934							
March	2,952							
April	2,981	1,227	2,271	3,967	2,138	2,586	3,150	1,218
May								
June								
June								

(a) Index of nominal weekly wage rates for adult males divided by the "C" Series Retail Price index-number.

RETAIL PRICES, HOURS AND WAGES.

Particulars.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Six Capitals or Six States.
1952 : June Quarter—							
Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)	2,576	2,455	2,328	2,447	2,434	2,435	2,488
Nominal weekly wage (a) ..	3,015	2,878	2,926	2,860	3,002	2,913	2,946
"Real" .. (a) ..	1,170	1,172	1,257	1,169	1,233	1,196	1,184
Average weekly hours (a) ..	890	889	890	890	879	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (b)	223/-	212/-	207/-	211/-	214/-	214/-	216/-
State .. (b) 223/-	(b) 223/-	(c)	(d) 207/-	(b) 211/-	(d) 223/10	(c)	..
1952 : September Quarter—							
Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)	2,592	2,501	2,362	2,509	2,499	2,516	2,524
Nominal weekly wage (a) ..	3,141	3,010	2,941	2,995	3,097	2,995	3,054
"Real" .. (a) ..	1,212	1,204	1,245	1,194	1,239	1,190	1,210
Average weekly hours (a) ..	890	889	890	890	879	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (b)	235/-	224/-	213/-	224/-	222/-	222/-	227/-
State .. (b) 235/-	(b) 235/-	(c)	(e) 213/-	(b) 224/-	(e) 232/3	(c)	..
1952 : December Quarter—							
Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)	2,607	2,508	2,356	2,468	2,509	2,535	2,530
Nominal weekly wage (a) ..	3,174	3,059	2,985	3,061	3,173	3,079	3,102
"Real" .. (a) ..	1,217	1,220	1,267	1,240	1,265	1,215	1,226
Average weekly hours (a) ..	890	889	890	890	879	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (b)	237/-	228/-	216/-	229/-	228/-	230/-	231/-
State .. (b) 237/-	(b) 237/-	(c)	(f) 216/-	(b) 229/-	(g) 238/6	(c)	..
1953 : March Quarter—							
Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)	2,637	2,537	2,374	2,492	2,534	2,613	2,558
Nominal weekly wage (a) ..	3,185	3,070	2,985	3,030	3,178	3,192	3,110
"Real" .. (a) ..	1,208	1,210	1,257	1,216	1,254	1,222	1,216
Average weekly hours (a) ..	890	889	890	890	879	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (b)	238/-	229/-	215/-	225/-	229/-	232/-	231/-
State .. (b) 238/-	(b) 238/-	(c)	(h) 216/-	(b) 225/-	(i) 238/6	(c)	..
1953 : June Quarter—							
Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)	2,662	2,570	2,385	2,524	2,583	2,651	2,586
Nominal weekly wage (a) ..	3,231	3,103	3,009	3,065	3,214	3,259	3,150
"Real" .. (a) ..	1,214	1,207	1,262	1,214	1,244	1,229	1,218
Average weekly hours (a) ..	890	889	890	890	879	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (b)	241/-	232/-	217/-	228/-	231/-	239/-	234/-
State .. (b) 241/-	(b) 241/-	(c)	(j) 218/-	(b) 228/-	(k) 241/10	(c)	..
1953 : September Quarter—							
Federal metrop. basic wage (b)	243/-	235/-	218/-	231/-	236/-	242/-	236/-
State .. (b) 243/-	(b) 243/-	(c)	(l) 219/-	(b) 231/-	(m) 246/6	(c)	..

(a) Base : Weighted Average Six Capitals (Retail Prices) or Six States (Wages and Hours) Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000. Retail prices index-numbers are for the capital cities. (b) Payable as from the beginning of the first pay period commencing in the second month of the quarter shown. (c) None declared but Federal rates followed to a large extent. (d) Payable as from 28th April. (e) Payable as from 28th July. (f) Payable as from 3rd November. (g) Payable as from 27th October. (h) Payable as from 22nd January. (i) Payable as from 27th January. (j) Payable as from 4th May. (k) Payable as from 27th April. (l) Payable as from 3rd August. (m) Payable as from 27th July.

For meaning of symbol .., see page 1.

PRIMARY PRODUCTION PRICE INDEXES.

The annual index-numbers shown in the following table relate to average "prices" of primary products realized in the principal markets of Australia. The "price" data used are average unit values for the total quantities of the relevant commodities produced or marketed in each year and the index-numbers therefore measure both the effects of changes in prices (as such) and of variations in the quality, type, usage, &c., of products marketed. The index-numbers for any year relate to the average values of primary products produced or marketed in that year, irrespective of the periods in which payment is received by producers.

The Farming Index-numbers shown below are the Revised Series (December, 1952) in which average quantities of each product marketed in the period 1946-47 to 1950-51 have been used as fixed weights:

The preliminary Farming Index-numbers for 1951-52 and 1952-53 are based mainly on the recorded or estimated movement in average values for the major farm products. They will be reviewed from time to time as further "price" data become available.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Year.	Farming.						Mining.(a)		
	Agriculture.	Pastoral.	Farmyard and Dairying.	All Farming.	Wool (Shorn and Dead).	Products Other than Wool.	Gold.	Other Minerals.	All Mining.
1936-37	114	115	93	109	126	104	99	98	98
1937-38	98	98	102	99	95	100	100	107	105
1938-39	88	87	105	92	79	96	101	95	97
1945-46	175	133	159	157	118	169	123	145	139
1946-47	194	181	158	186	187	185	124	169	156
1947-48	267	262	183	247	301	230	124	221	194
1948-49	234	312	197	260	366	225	124	275	232
1949-50	274	396	228	316	483	262	139	288	246
1950-51	292	815	258	502	1,099	309	178	335	291
1951-52 p ..	346	492	341	404	552	356	(b)178	475	391
1952-53 p ..	352	523	375	427	623	364			

(a) Year ended previous December. (b) Based on the price fixed by the Commonwealth Bank; no allowance has been made for premiums on sales of gold for industrial purposes in Australia and overseas.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES.

In comparing movements in the two sets of index-numbers on this page, attention should be paid to differences in the methods by which they have been constructed, and in the nature of the companies and the types of shares included in each index. These are outlined in the footnotes to the table.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	New South Wales : Ordinary Shares.(a)							Queensland : Ordinary Shares.(b)		
	23 Manufacturing and Distributing Companies.	10 Retail Companies.	8 Public Utility Companies.	5 Pastoral and Finance Companies.	5 Insurance Companies.	75 Companies (including 24 Miscellaneous).	34 Active shares in- cluded in foregoing. (c)	12 Industrials.	12 Financial and Trading.	24 Total of foregoing.
1936-37 ..	989	1,059	1,010	1,106	1,052	1,022	1,026	1,006	1,000	1,003
1937-38 ..	1,012	1,008	1,026	1,053	983	1,009	1,011	1,014	1,011	1,013
1938-39 ..	999	933	964	841	965	969	963	980	989	984
1946-47 ..	1,463	1,479	1,104	1,131	1,296	1,325	1,355	1,472	1,249	1,370
1947-48 ..	1,666	1,663	1,044	1,229	1,505	1,450	1,450	1,625	1,386	1,515
1948-49 ..	1,682	1,601	948	1,240	1,635	1,426	1,413	1,681	1,364	1,536
1949-50 ..	1,763	1,603	887	1,357	1,920	1,491	1,458	1,746	1,370	1,573
1950-51 ..	2,242	1,932	928	1,926	2,492	1,845	1,763	2,108	1,623	1,886
1951-52 ..	2,040	1,658	872	1,606	2,625	1,662	1,537	1,838	1,402	1,638
1952-53 ..	1,733	1,376	861	1,337	2,059	1,398	1,335	1,494	1,186	1,353
1951-52—										
August ..	2,398	2,011	906	1,936	2,941	1,933	1,777	2,255	1,646	1,975
September	2,281	1,908	869	1,794	2,907	1,842	1,686	2,165	1,614	1,912
October ..	2,218	1,818	886	1,830	2,874	1,801	1,674	1,988	1,523	1,775
November	2,133	1,701	880	1,717	2,815	1,730	1,599	1,988	1,477	1,754
December	2,045	1,616	866	1,599	2,774	1,664	1,538	1,906	1,427	1,686
January ..	2,012	1,605	865	1,563	2,732	1,638	1,516	1,849	1,381	1,634
February	1,896	1,505	857	1,469	2,619	1,557	1,430	1,669	1,303	1,502
March ..	1,834	1,469	843	1,412	2,371	1,502	1,388	1,622	1,244	1,448
April ..	1,697	1,403	840	1,331	2,230	1,423	1,312	1,479	1,212	1,356
May ..	1,743	1,398	847	1,338	2,178	1,436	1,341	1,423	1,157	1,301
June ..	1,719	1,368	871	1,300	2,165	1,418	1,327	1,409	1,142	1,286
1952-53—										
July ..	1,760	1,379	870	1,370	2,127	1,434	1,366	1,419	1,163	1,301
August ..	1,756	1,386	873	1,383	2,118	1,428	1,351	1,403	1,166	1,294
September	1,709	1,365	883	1,361	2,108	1,398	1,321	1,391	1,126	1,269
October ..	1,705	1,317	858	1,336	2,088	1,375	1,315	1,431	1,132	1,293
November	1,693	1,309	857	1,297	2,114	1,367	1,309	1,461	1,133	1,310
December	1,698	1,298	850	1,302	2,075	1,362	1,313	1,465	1,143	1,317
January ..	1,755	1,376	854	1,342	2,058	1,401	1,364	1,529	1,193	1,375
February	1,751	1,418	866	1,351	2,029	1,408	1,358	1,585	1,251	1,432
March ..	1,755	1,441	864	1,343	2,006	1,412	1,347	1,570	1,254	1,424
April ..	1,733	1,411	844	1,323	1,985	1,394	1,317	1,539	1,222	1,394
May ..	1,734	1,396	850	1,311	1,975	1,391	1,322	1,555	1,224	1,403
June ..	1,745	1,411	866	1,326	2,030	1,405	1,342	1,580	1,228	1,418
1953-54—										
July ..	1,773	1,413	871	1,360	2,086	1,425	1,377			

(a) Compiled by the New South Wales Government Statistician. The index-numbers are based on the prices of the ordinary shares of companies (excluding banking companies) whose business is conducted wholly or largely in New South Wales. They represent unweighted averages of the mean monthly prices per £1 of paid-up capital. Adjustments are made where capital is written off or bonus shares issued. Recomputed from original base, par values. (b) Compiled by the Queensland Bureau of Industry. The index-numbers are based on the prices of the ordinary shares of 21 representative Queensland companies, and the preference shares of three companies whose ordinary shares are inactive. The index-numbers represent unweighted averages. Mean monthly values are used. Recomputed from original base, April, 1928. (c) These shares relate to leading companies and do not include bank shares or mining shares.

SUMMARY OF PRICE INDEXES.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	Primary Production Prices.(a) (Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)		Export Prices (including Gold).	Wholesale Prices (Basic Materials and Foodstuffs).			Retail Prices (Six Capital Cities): "C" Series Index. (c)	Security Prices : New South Wales (Ordinary Shares—75 Companies).
	All Farming.	All Mining.		Goods Principally Imported. (b)	Goods Principally Home Produced.	All Groups.		
1936-37 ..	109	98	1,144	991	980	984	973	1,022
1937-38 ..	99	105	1,022	1,018	1,000	1,005	998	1,009
1938-39 ..	92	97	834	991	1,020	1,011	1,029	969
1946-47 ..	186	156	2,027	1,768	1,288	1,429	1,309	1,325
1947-48 ..	247	194	2,834	1,924	1,448	1,588	1,392	1,450
1948-49 ..	260	232	3,324	2,008	1,727	1,809	1,528	1,426
1949-50 ..	316	246	3,830	2,231	1,982	2,054	1,669	1,491
1950-51 ..	502	291	6,544	2,555	2,423	2,461	1,906	1,845
1951-52 ..	p404	p391	4,731	2,877	3,046	2,995	2,337	1,662
1952-53 ..	p427		4,823	2,904	r3,313	r3,191	2,550	1,398
1951-52—								
July ..	..	..	5,441	2,712	2,886	2,834	} 2,191 {	2,005
August ..	..	..	4,684	2,745	3,038	2,950		1,933
September ..	..	..	4,445	2,758	2,971	2,906		1,842
October ..	..	..	5,321	2,823	2,908	2,882	} 2,303 {	1,801
November ..	..	..	4,918	2,891	2,902	2,899		1,730
December ..	..	..	4,842	2,859	2,974	2,940		1,664
January ..	..	..	4,768	2,859	2,941	2,916	} 2,366 {	1,638
February ..	..	..	4,560	2,948	3,073	3,035		1,557
March ..	..	..	4,271	2,949	3,131	3,076		1,502
April ..	..	..	4,324	2,962	3,182	3,116	} 2,488 {	1,423
May ..	..	..	4,568	3,008	3,252	3,179		1,436
June ..	..	..	4,626	3,007	3,297	3,210		1,418
1952-53—								
July ..	..	..	4,650	3,015	3,373	3,266	} 2,524 {	1,434
August ..	..	..	4,649	2,938	3,381	3,250		1,428
September ..	..	..	4,574	2,937	3,325	3,210		1,398
October ..	..	..	4,694	2,949	3,223	3,141	} 2,530 {	1,375
November ..	..	..	4,687	2,940	3,206	3,127		1,367
December ..	..	..	4,853	2,955	3,294	3,193		1,362
January ..	..	..	4,854	2,947	r3,276	r3,178	} 2,558 {	1,401
February ..	..	..	4,862	2,867	r3,275	r3,154		1,408
March ..	..	..	4,989	2,875	r3,281	r3,160		1,412
April ..	..	..	5,025	2,858	r3,361	r3,212	} 2,586 {	1,394
May ..	..	..	5,153	2,765	r3,381	r3,198		1,391
June ..	..	..	4,889	2,805	r3,379	r3,208		1,405
1953-54—								
July ..	..	..	4,920	2,725	r3,456	r3,240		1,425

(a) See note at head of page 24. (b) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally. (c) Covers Food and Groceries, House Rent, Clothing and Miscellaneous Items.

For meaning of symbols r, p, see page 1.

BUILDING PERMITS : SIX CAPITAL CITIES AND SUBURBS.

(As granted by Local Government Authorities. Excludes Government Buildings except as indicated in note (a), page 29.)

Period.	New Dwellings.		Other New Buildings.		Total New Buildings.		Alterations and Additions.	Total.
	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Value.	Value.
		£'000.		£'000.		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Monthly Average—								
1936-37 (a) ..	1,122	1,104	154	474	1,276	1,578	408	1,986
1937-38 (a) ..	1,394	1,413	147	472	1,541	1,885	422	2,307
1938-39 (a) ..	1,463	1,509	137	424	1,600	1,933	420	2,353
1946-47 ..	2,209	2,976	156	512	2,365	3,488	596	4,084
1947-48 ..	2,381	3,649	124	453	2,505	4,102	585	4,687
1948-49 ..	2,621	4,457	110	440	2,731	4,897	680	5,577
1949-50 ..	3,045	5,770	113	460	3,158	6,230	899	7,129
1950-51 ..	3,558	7,857	151	1,062	3,709	8,919	1,507	10,426
1951-52 ..	2,736	6,703	165	1,270	2,901	7,973	1,727	9,700
1952-53 ..	2,506	6,466	303	1,750	2,809	8,216	1,829	10,045
Monthly Total—								
1951-52—								
July ..	3,676	8,711	193	1,269	3,869	9,980	1,812	11,792
August ..	3,780	9,545	185	1,076	3,965	10,621	2,285	12,906
September ..	2,955	6,946	200	1,818	3,155	8,764	1,423	10,187
October ..	3,199	8,295	157	981	3,356	9,276	1,908	11,184
November ..	2,748	6,686	162	1,008	2,910	7,694	1,690	9,384
December ..	1,752	4,280	105	1,823	1,857	6,103	1,685	7,788
January ..	2,148	5,266	123	1,090	2,271	6,356	1,256	7,612
February ..	2,369	5,655	170	1,260	2,539	6,915	1,372	8,287
March ..	2,591	6,187	146	926	2,737	7,113	1,736	8,849
April ..	2,191	5,733	163	946	2,354	6,679	1,914	8,593
May ..	2,326	5,729	182	1,513	2,508	7,242	2,064	9,306
June ..	3,098	7,402	197	1,534	3,295	8,936	1,574	10,510
1952-53—								
July ..	2,364	5,835	242	1,146	2,606	6,981	1,563	8,544
August ..	2,128	5,209	371	1,646	2,499	6,855	1,878	8,733
September ..	3,250	7,576	344	2,038	3,594	9,614	2,242	11,856
October ..	2,407	6,015	442	2,064	2,849	8,079	1,832	9,911
November ..	2,307	5,931	226	1,741	2,533	7,672	1,645	9,317
December ..	2,118	5,403	226	1,201	2,344	6,604	1,655	8,259
January ..	2,030	5,092	183	1,222	2,213	6,314	1,293	7,607
February ..	2,579	6,843	294	1,593	2,873	8,436	1,867	10,303
March ..	2,752	7,397	296	1,280	3,048	8,677	2,381	11,058
April ..	2,331	6,435	327	2,023	2,658	8,458	1,835	10,293
May ..	2,837	7,671	322	2,184	3,159	9,855	1,830	11,685
June ..	2,981	8,254	356	2,793	3,337	11,047	1,931	12,978

(a) Excludes suburbs of Hobart.

NOTE.—Building controls under National Security (Building Control) Regulations operated from 5th December, 1940, becoming most stringent in 1942, when consent was required for all building other than alterations and additions costing less than £25. These controls were progressively relaxed after 1945 and have now virtually ceased to exist, except for minor restrictions in Victoria and Western Australia. For more detailed notes see earlier issues of this publication.

The "value of permits" shown above relates to the value of building permits issued by local government authorities and not to approvals granted under the Regulations.

BUILDING OPERATIONS : METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL.

(Figures for Government Buildings relate to contracts let or day-labour work commenced. Figures for Private Buildings relate only to Permits issued by Local Government Authorities. Alterations and additions are included.)

(£'000.)

Period.	Australia. (a)			New South Wales.			Victoria.		
	Government.	Private.		Government. (b)	Private.		Government.	Private.	
	Common-wealth and State.	Six Capital Cities and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas.	Common-wealth and State.	Sydney and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas. See note A.	Common-wealth and State.	Melbourne and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas. See note B.
Monthly Average—									
1936-37 ..	n.a.	(c)1,986	(d)627	n.a.	848	416	n.a.	667	62
1937-38 ..	n.a.	(c)2,307	(d)764	n.a.	1,093	506	n.a.	669	78
1938-39 ..	408	(c)2,353	(d)755	187	1,111	495	107	702	63
1946-47 ..	1,248	4,084	(e)1,991	633	1,768	1,301	371	1,195	91
1947-48 ..	2,009	4,687	(f)3,151	1,044	1,705	(g)1,985	545	1,650	126
1948-49 ..	1,992	5,577	3,832	904	2,089	2,432	675	1,804	211
1949-50 ..	2,751	7,129	4,863	985	2,625	3,101	1,067	2,218	217
1950-51 ..	4,348	10,426	(h)8,568	1,964	3,610	4,519	1,428	3,187	(i)2,031
1951-52 ..	3,631	9,700	7,877	1,603	2,679	3,717	960	2,831	1,947
1952-53 ..		10,045		923	2,799	3,542	1,129	2,906	1,931
1950-51— June Qtr.	4,981	12,618	10,128	1,850	4,194	5,133	1,797	3,855	2,542
1951-52— September ..	4,443	11,628	9,673	2,397	3,456	4,907	926	3,571	2,335
December ..	3,400	9,452	7,757	1,357	2,820	3,612	946	2,856	1,840
March ..	3,096	8,249	6,706	1,193	2,120	2,859	960	2,380	1,817
June ..	3,589	9,469	7,371	1,466	2,320	3,490	1,011	2,517	1,794
1952-53— September ..	2,218	9,711	6,888	772	2,270	3,197	780	2,946	1,653
December ..	3,549	9,162	7,497	494	2,646	3,232	2,242	2,757	2,255
March ..		9,656	7,499	1,334	2,703	3,507	660	2,769	1,626
June ..		11,700		1,094	3,576	4,232	834	3,155	2,190
Monthly Total—									
1952-53— May ..	n.a.	11,685	n.a.	993	3,018	4,163	781	3,261	2,199
June ..	n.a.	12,978	n.a.	1,209	4,190	4,340	899	3,351	2,619
1953-54— July ..				1,906	3,619	4,671	1,157	3,928	2,563

(a) See note (a) on page 29. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Excludes suburbs of Hobart.
 (d) Incomplete, excludes Western Australia. (e) See E and F, page 29. (f) See A, below and C, page 29. (g) Includes all areas outside Sydney and suburbs from September quarter, 1947. See A below. (h) See B below. (i) Includes all areas outside Melbourne and suburbs from September quarter, 1950.

NOTES.

A. Includes 129 Country Towns and seven Shires near Sydney to June quarter, 1947, thereafter all areas outside Sydney and suburbs.
 B. Includes the Cities of Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Geelong West, Horsham, Mildura, Newtown and Chilwell, Sale, Shepparton and Warrnambool to June quarter, 1950, thereafter all areas outside Melbourne and suburbs.

For meaning of symbols n.a., r, —, see page 1.

BUILDING OPERATIONS : METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL—continued.

(Figures for Private Buildings relate only to Permits issued by Local Government Authorities.)
(£'000.)

Period.	Queensland.			South Australia.			Western Australia.			Tasmania.		
	Government. Common-wealth and State.	Private.(a)		Government.(b) Common-wealth and State.	Private.(a)		Government. Common-wealth and State.	Private.(a)		Government. Common-wealth and State.	Private.(a)	
		Brisbane and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas. See note C.		Adelaide and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas. See note D.		Perth and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas. See note E.		Hobart and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas. See note F.
Monthly Average—												
1936-37 ..	n.a.	153	98	n.a.	118	32	n.a.	168	n.a.	n.a.	32	19
1937-38 ..	n.a.	167	114	n.a.	173	48	n.a.	174	n.a.	n.a.	31	18
1938-39 ..	34	171	118	22	192	63	38	145	n.a.	20	32	16
1946-47 ..	78	455	290	57	379	105	77	187	(c)60	32	(d) 100	(e)144
1947-48 ..	141	557	(f)692	132	418	91	115	238	60	32	119	197
1948-49 ..	116	610	721	105	564	132	145	338	70	47	172	266
1949-50 ..	198	827	868	217	727	188	197	499	111	87	233	378
1950-51 ..	357	1,106	1,061	216	1,174	215	270	1,027	274	113	322	468
1951-52 ..	228	1,426	1,107	377	1,386	265	379	1,120	347	84	258	494
1952-53 ..		1,376		226	1,525			1,157	320	43	282	333
1950-51—												
June Qtr.	644	1,140	1,196	231	1,604	289	337	1,426	376	122	399	592
1951-52—												
Sept. ..	181	1,700	1,219	482	1,096	227	348	1,479	406	109	326	579
Dec. ..	329	1,319	1,109	272	1,093	291	451	1,088	336	45	276	569
March ..	133	1,292	1,093	326	1,313	239	321	904	299	163	240	399
June ..	271	1,391	1,007	426	2,044	304	395	1,007	349	20	190	427
1952-53—												
Sept. ..	230	1,862	1,106	179	1,370	313	241	966	285	16	297	334
Dec. ..	302	1,089	1,100	236	1,215	327	260	1,207	306	15	248	277
March ..	140	1,442	1,292	274	1,394	387		1,091	330	33	257	357
June ..		1,112		216	2,119			1,364	359	108	374	368
Monthly Total—												
1952-53—												
April ..	95	883	1,181	n.a.	1,538	n.a.	n.a.	1,135	368	130	363	374
May ..	200	1,243	1,250	n.a.	2,438	n.a.	n.a.	1,446	376	42	279	414
June ..		1,210		n.a.	2,381	n.a.	n.a.	1,510	331	152	336	315
1953-54—												
July ..					1,487					50	827	306

(a) Includes buildings erected under government home building schemes where permits obtained from local government authorities.
(b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Includes 86 country local authorities from September quarter, 1946. See E below. (d) Previously Hobart city area only. From September quarter, 1946, includes Hobart and suburbs. (e) Includes all areas outside Hobart and suburbs from September quarter, 1946. See F below. (f) Includes all areas outside Brisbane and suburbs from September quarter, 1947. See C below.

NOTES.

C. Includes the Cities of Bundaberg, Cairns, Charters Towers, Gympie, Ipswich, Mackay, Maryborough, Rockhampton, Toowoomba, Townsville and Warwick, and the Towns of Bowen, Charleville, Dalby, Innisfail, Longreach, Redcliffe, Roma, Southport, and Stanthorpe to June quarter, 1947, thereafter all areas outside Brisbane and suburbs.

D. Includes Local Government areas, and estimate for unincorporated areas.

E. Includes 15 country local authorities, representing approximately 30 per cent. of provincial population to June quarter, 1946. Thereafter includes 86 country local authorities, representing approximately 86 per cent. of provincial population.

F. Launceston only to June quarter, 1946, thereafter all areas outside Hobart and suburbs.

For meaning of symbols n.a., r, —, see page 1.

VALUE (WHEN COMPLETED) OF NEW BUILDINGS.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)

(£'000.)

Period.	Commenced.			Completed.			Under Construction at end of period.		
	Houses.	Other.	Total.	Houses.	Other.	Total.	Houses.	Other.	Total.
Quarterly Average—									
1946-47.. ..	13,740	4,148	17,888	8,924	1,578	10,502	44,745	21,255	66,000
1947-48.. ..	17,900	5,138	23,038	13,307	2,389	15,696	66,509	33,588	100,097
1948-49.. ..	22,277	6,940	29,217	18,331	3,932	22,263	86,832	49,135	135,967
1949-50.. ..	27,516	8,014	35,530	22,446	5,251	27,697	115,714	61,119	176,833
1950-51 p ..	40,478	14,615	55,093	31,222	6,258	37,480	162,481	91,632	254,113
1951-52 p ..	44,951	16,224	61,175	43,086	10,875	53,961	190,250	125,534	315,784
1952-53 p ..	39,358	13,909	53,267	47,096	18,169	65,265	171,254	115,629	286,883
Quarterly Total—									
1950-51—									
June Qtr. p ..	46,500	18,728	65,228	34,659	7,654	42,313	162,481	91,632	254,113
1951-52 p—									
Sept. „ ..	49,098	16,245	65,343	38,149	9,217	47,366	179,939	104,823	284,762
Dec. „ ..	46,637	15,473	62,110	45,348	9,560	54,908	185,554	113,271	298,825
March „ ..	43,190	15,122	58,312	41,505	10,753	52,258	192,848	118,564	311,412
June „ ..	40,879	18,054	58,933	47,340	13,973	61,313	190,250	125,534	315,784
1952-53 p—									
Sept. „ ..	37,145	13,091	50,236	48,446	16,882	65,328	183,097	124,545	307,642
Dec. „ ..	36,393	10,105	46,498	49,456	17,956	67,412	170,890	118,507	289,397
March „ ..	40,185	14,086	54,271	45,492	19,066	64,558	169,926	114,524	284,450
June „ ..	43,709	18,352	62,061	44,988	18,772	63,760	171,254	115,629	286,883

VALUE OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)

(£'000.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
Quarterly Average—								
1946-47.. ..	4,274	2,767	1,814	686	529	354	78	10,502
1947-48.. ..	6,076	4,473	2,598	1,020	832	570	127	15,696
1948-49.. ..	8,434	6,839	3,050	1,621	1,177	953	189	22,263
1949-50.. ..	10,230	8,671	3,488	2,268	1,338	1,336	366	27,697
1950-51.. ..	p12,367	13,014	4,322	3,010	2,237	2,101	429	p37,480
1951-52.. ..	p19,007	17,154	6,335	4,551	3,606	2,628	680	p53,961
1952-53.. ..	p24,095	19,027	6,558	6,471	5,730	2,666	718	p65,265
Quarterly Total—								
1950-51—								
June Qtr. ..	p13,769	15,063	4,519	3,540	2,521	2,334	567	p42,313
1951-52—								
Sept. „ ..	p14,850	16,548	5,618	4,044	2,940	2,780	586	p47,366
Dec. „ ..	18,125	18,257	6,200	4,693	3,735	3,338	560	54,908
March „ ..	20,343	15,014	6,485	4,197	3,466	1,961	792	52,258
June „ ..	22,710	18,796	7,036	5,269	4,285	2,432	785	61,313
1952-53—								
Sept. „ ..	p22,427	21,047	6,252	6,232	5,735	2,867	768	p65,328
Dec. „ ..	24,604	18,943	6,892	6,860	6,448	2,700	965	67,412
March „ ..	25,761	18,453	5,999	6,481	4,876	2,495	493	64,558
June „ ..	23,586	17,664	7,090	6,309	5,859	2,603	649	63,760

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES.

(Including Owner-built Houses.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
COMMENCED.								
Quarterly Average—								
1947-48.. ..	4,952	3,870	2,382	895	768	516	98	13,481
1948-49.. ..	5,323	4,122	2,340	1,140	961	712	134	14,732
1949-50.. ..	5,514	4,911	2,502	1,527	1,258	916	97	16,725
1950-51.. ..	p6,292	6,737	2,675	1,991	1,742	1,030	219	p20,686
1951-52.. ..	p6,091	5,877	2,999	2,128	1,932	896	78	p20,001
1952-53.. ..	p5,258	4,064	2,345	1,992	1,753	571	132	p16,115
Quarterly Total—	p							p
1950-51—June Qtr.	6,802	6,936	2,967	2,083	1,788	1,086	364	22,026
1951-52—Sept. "	6,367	7,103	3,423	2,096	2,138	1,098	81	22,306
Dec. "	6,323	6,410	2,976	1,998	2,039	1,016	64	20,826
Mar. "	5,892	5,294	2,919	2,205	1,828	787	93	19,018
June "	5,782	4,699	2,677	2,211	1,725	684	74	17,852
1952-53—Sept. "	4,496	3,623	2,929	2,321	1,674	574	83	15,700
Dec. "	5,210	3,729	2,070	1,865	1,736	492	178	15,280
Mar. "	5,203	4,423	2,117	1,729	1,842	695	185	16,194
June "	6,121	4,479	2,265	2,052	1,760	524	82	17,283
COMPLETED.								
Quarterly Average—								
1947-48.. ..	3,715	2,962	2,300	752	693	386	68	10,876
1948-49.. ..	4,466	3,570	2,338	997	811	572	81	12,835
1949-50.. ..	4,692	3,902	2,362	1,226	877	713	101	13,873
1950-51.. ..	p4,943	5,290	2,569	1,680	1,290	979	144	p16,895
1951-52.. ..	p5,818	5,988	2,951	1,928	1,644	1,000	146	p19,475
1952-53.. ..	p6,042	5,258	2,650	2,235	1,991	829	147	p19,152
Quarterly Total—	p							p
1950-51—June Qtr.	4,891	5,758	2,557	1,815	1,356	1,040	143	17,560
1951-52—Sept. "	5,030	6,151	2,878	1,768	1,380	1,071	135	18,413
Dec. "	6,041	6,513	3,008	1,964	1,821	1,336	154	20,837
Mar. "	6,080	5,231	3,049	1,754	1,477	705	121	18,417
June "	6,122	6,056	2,868	2,225	1,899	887	174	20,231
1952-53—Sept. "	6,318	5,675	2,836	2,352	2,040	909	131	20,261
Dec. "	6,038	5,564	2,663	2,476	2,314	983	213	20,251
Mar. "	6,167	4,905	2,473	2,071	1,630	704	105	18,055
June "	5,646	4,889	2,626	2,041	1,981	718	141	18,042
UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD.								
1947-48	19,686	15,312	3,951	3,203	1,841	2,065	491	46,549
1948-49	23,113	17,521	3,958	3,940	2,439	2,575	696	54,242
1949-50	26,402	21,553	4,520	5,241	3,957	3,357	678	65,708
1950-51	p31,793	27,341	4,943	6,529	5,764	3,558	981	p80,909
1951-52	p32,884	26,896	5,135	7,395	6,917	3,143	708	p83,078
1952-53	p29,745	22,053	3,918	6,464	5,951	2,114	646	p70,891
Quarterly Total—	p							p
1950-51—June Qtr.	31,793	27,341	4,943	6,529	5,764	3,558	981	80,909
1951-52—Sept. "	33,130	28,293	5,488	6,875	6,522	3,584	927	84,819
Dec. "	33,412	28,190	5,456	6,938	6,740	3,264	836	84,836
Mar. "	33,224	28,253	5,326	7,411	7,091	3,346	808	85,459
June "	32,884	26,896	5,135	7,395	6,917	3,143	708	83,078
1952-53—Sept. "	31,062	24,844	5,228	7,384	6,551	2,808	660	78,537
Dec. "	30,234	22,994	4,635	6,786	5,973	2,317	626	73,565
Mar. "	29,270	22,506	4,279	6,450	6,185	2,308	706	71,704
June "	29,745	22,053	3,918	6,464	5,951	2,114	646	70,891

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF COAL, ENERGY AND METALS.

Period.	Black Coal.			Brown Coal.	Gold, (Mine Production). (a)	Heat, Light and Power.		Metals.				
	Under-ground.	Open Cut.	Total.			Gas made in Gas-works.	Total Electricity Generated.	Pig-iron.	Ingot Steel.	Zinc, Refined.	Lead, Refined and Lead in Lead Bullion. (b)	Copper, Refined. (b)
	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	'000 Fine oz.	Million Cubic feet.	Million kWh.	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Monthly Average—								(c)	(c)			
1936-37 ..	n.a.	n.a.	977	258	108.2	1,679	331	76.1	90.0	5,840	17,562	1,280
1937-38 ..	n.a.	n.a.	990	300	123.3	1,746	363	77.5	97.2	5,810	18,797	1,437
1938-39 ..	n.a.	n.a.	1,051	267	135.1	1,789	391	92.1	97.5	5,819	19,416	1,457
1946-47 ..	n.a.	n.a.	1,178	490	77.2	2,784	627	95.3	109.4	5,852	14,693	1,812
1947-48 ..	n.a.	n.a.	1,231	535	75.5	3,025	697	103.0	112.1	5,784	14,497	1,290
1948-49 ..	1,066	178	1,244	586	74.9	3,061	754	87.1	98.2	6,298	17,017	939
1949-50 ..	1,039	204	1,243	636	71.6	2,908	792	91.5	101.5	6,981	15,784	968
1950-51 ..	1,124	245	1,369	608	74.3	3,075	875	109.4	120.3	6,478	15,682	936
1951-52 ..	1,245	353	1,598	675	75.7	r3,366	r941	118.2	126.8	7,011	15,680	1,483
1952-53 p..	1,254	292	r1,546	675	86.6	3,440	1,024	139.9	151.9	r7,181	16,129	1,492
Monthly Total—												
1951-52 p—						r	r					
August ..	1,381	358	1,739	715	77.4	3,807	1,003	123.7	140.8	6,094	15,507	1,695
September ..	1,244	327	1,571	675	82.1	3,496	911	119.8	134.6	5,927	15,389	1,170
October ..	1,416	439	1,855	708	79.0	3,454	948	120.6	126.1	6,903	15,452	1,241
November ..	1,355	404	1,759	668	80.7	3,213	936	126.4	138.5	7,181	15,001	1,241
December ..	998	319	1,317	550	75.9	3,161	870	127.2	136.4	7,411	19,492	720
January ..	798	261	1,059	641	68.5	3,015	884	128.8	139.4	7,296	16,241	1,659
February ..	1,275	376	1,651	655	75.2	3,003	904	118.5	127.9	6,844	14,390	733
March ..	1,333	407	1,740	730	72.0	3,224	952	127.2	136.9	7,393	14,214	2,250
April ..	1,219	349	1,568	649	79.4	3,215	914	119.0	117.5	7,429	15,291	1,184
May ..	1,347	378	1,725	701	77.5	3,656	992	95.9	91.6	7,729	17,627	1,446
June ..	1,224	311	1,535	684	83.6	3,743	988	93.0	99.7	7,225	10,388	2,626
1952-53 p—												
July ..	1,510	375	1,885	728	93.7	4,068	1,082	122.3	147.2	7,269	18,721	821
August ..	1,295	277	1,572	717	69.5	3,855	1,039	133.2	153.1	7,315	19,540	1,818
September ..	1,429	385	1,814	655	80.8	3,528	992	150.4	152.1	7,072	18,407	1,733
October ..	1,507	r359	r1,866	667	101.2	3,473	1,018	157.8	166.0	7,338	18,413	2,381
November ..	1,321	327	1,648	680	82.4	3,271	965	144.2	154.5	7,116	18,437	2,333
December ..	1,076	266	1,342	596	96.5	3,206	972	140.7	153.8	7,412	12,679	639
January ..	884	182	1,066	620	81.6	3,011	939	134.3	157.1	7,368	3,202	r493
February ..	1,264	268	1,532	646	79.3	2,861	932	133.9	145.1	6,715	8,085	1,520
March ..	r1,319	287	r1,606	676	88.7	3,221	1,052	164.9	164.7	7,422	19,572	1,179
April ..	r1,154	r251	r1,405	680	81.8	r3,220	1,017	158.2	158.8	r7,110	18,987	1,793
May ..	r1,126	r257	r1,383	757	87.0	3,684	1,121	146.1	172.4	r7,285	18,325	830
June ..	1,163	267	r1,430	711	96.5	r3,876	1,160	151.9	171.7	r6,754	19,178	2,466
1953-54p—												
July ..	1,515	302	r1,817	711	79.6	4,149		156.3	184.8	r7,070	21,420	154
August ..			1,753	708				158.3	186.9	r7,441	20,363	

(a) Gold content of minerals produced in Australia.
twelve months ended May.

(b) Source: Australian Mines and Metals Association

(c) Monthly averages for

For meaning of symbols n.a., r, p, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF BUILDING MATERIALS AND HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES.

Period.	Building Materials.							Cooking Stoves.			Domestic Refrigerators.
	Clay Bricks.	Roofing Tiles.		Cement Building Sheets.	Sawn Native Timber. (a)	Portland Cement.	Fibrous Plaster Sheets.	Solid Fuel. (b)	Gas.(b)	Electric. (c)	
		Terra-cotta.	Cement.								
Monthly Average—	Million.	'000.	'000.	'000 sq. yds. (d)	Million sup. ft.	'000 tons.	'000 sq. yds.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1936-37 ..	53.1	2,630	326	522	53.6	60.0	567	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1937-38 ..	57.4	3,023	430	678	62.2	71.0	619	4,562	3,481	749	1,257
1938-39 ..	60.0	3,307	374	791	59.8	72.3	634	4,538	3,894	730	2,458
1946-47 ..	41.4	3,118	561	1,610	87.3	73.5	755	3,629	2,264	894	5,711
1947-48 ..	48.2	3,483	1,689	1,641	93.1	84.4	977	4,438	3,309	2,532	9,362
1948-49 ..	51.4	3,680	2,358	1,547	98.7	86.0	1,103	5,120	4,130	3,494	12,134
1949-50 ..	50.3	3,785	3,387	1,529	101.9	97.3	1,105	5,155	3,892	2,865	13,528
1950-51 ..	57.3	3,918	4,230	1,771	105.1	102.9	1,265	6,251	4,613	3,733	16,994
1951-52 ..	r59.4	r4,072	r5,540	1,944	116.0	r103.1	r1,373	r5,975	r4,271	r4,380	r16,068
1952-53 p ..	55.8	4,793	3,807	2,032	109.0	119.5	r1,345	3,886	2,859	1,883	14,645
Monthly Total—											
1951-52 rp—					(e)		(e)				
July ..	59.2	3,663	5,424	2,086	104.4	105.9	1,414	6,596	5,064	4,761	19,713
August ..	67.6	4,135	5,736	1,698	122.6	89.7	1,463	6,796	5,713	4,824	20,642
September ..	60.2	3,966	5,752	2,041	118.7	97.1	1,406	6,353	4,740	4,932	19,049
October ..	66.9	4,621	6,158	2,038	125.8	120.0	1,542	7,120	5,429	5,102	20,732
November ..	65.1	4,233	6,210	2,022	129.4	115.0	1,458	7,354	5,243	6,850	21,786
December ..	46.6	3,256	5,026	1,687	110.4	77.1	1,087	5,593	3,244	3,456	14,296
January ..	46.3	3,097	4,783	1,305	98.0	69.9	1,097	4,635	3,521	3,257	12,696
February ..	62.8	4,286	5,884	2,085	119.3	108.7	1,441	5,859	4,133	4,514	17,315
March ..	60.7	4,296	5,650	2,224	118.7	115.0	1,435	5,674	4,100	4,495	12,741
April ..	56.9	4,366	5,267	1,822	107.7	103.9	1,310	5,027	3,018	3,664	12,200
May ..	63.9	4,461	5,504	2,305	121.0	123.9	1,452	5,424	4,403	3,639	12,004
June ..	56.3	4,479	5,089	2,009	116.2	111.5	1,365	5,263	2,638	3,069	9,638
1952-53 p—											
July ..	59.9	4,874	4,652	2,077	116.9	100.2	1,325	6,037	2,762	2,420	9,207
August ..	53.0	4,435	4,167	2,123	115.3	101.5	1,388	4,560	2,315	1,504	8,383
September ..	56.2	5,132	4,171	1,969	109.9	124.0	1,478	3,862	2,782	1,635	12,220
October ..	57.7	5,293	4,585	2,150	122.3	126.8	1,487	4,407	2,972	2,052	17,881
November ..	53.0	4,775	4,310	2,504	108.0	126.9	1,369	3,528	3,064	1,564	21,815
December ..	46.0	4,126	3,110	1,418	98.1	111.4	1,151	3,026	2,289	1,431	31,363
January ..	41.6	3,612	2,727	1,490	82.8	99.7	1,082	2,537	2,301	1,200	16,865
February ..	55.5	4,611	3,749	2,215	92.8	106.7	1,358	3,434	3,123	1,625	17,852
March ..	62.0	5,135	3,810	2,065	103.4	128.4	1,450	3,698	3,290	2,213	13,527
April ..	59.6	5,026	3,625	1,920	98.4	135.9	1,352	3,746	3,125	2,310	11,660
May ..	60.4	5,201	3,291	2,412	119.9	139.3	1,361	4,026	3,147	2,128	12,754
June ..	64.7	5,293	r3,487	2,038	116.0	132.9	r1,342	3,766	3,143	2,515	12,206
1953-54 p—											
July ..						141.3		4,970	3,850	2,575	16,992

(a) Includes sawn sleepers.

(b) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves to 1947-48—thereafter household cooking stoves only

(c) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves, ranges, stovettes and cookers to 1944-45—thereafter household cooking stoves only

(d) In terms of '000 standard square yards to 1944-45, thereafter in terms of '000 selling square yards. A standard square yard contains a given volume of sheet; a selling square yard represents the area covered by the finished sheet regardless of its thickness or corrugation.

(e) Partly estimated.

For meaning of symbols n.a., r, p. — see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING.

Period.	Cotton Textiles.		Pure Rayon Fabrics.	Wool Textiles.			Boots and Shoes (not rubber).	Shirts (other than Knitted). Men's and Boys'.
	Cotton Yarn.	Cotton Woven Textiles (excl. Towels and Towelling).		Scoured and Carbonized Wool.	Yarn.	Woven Cloth.		
	'000 lb.	'000 sq. yds.	'000 sq. yds.	Million lb.	Million lb.	Million sq. yds.	'000 pairs.	'000 doz.
Monthly Average—								
1936-37.. ..	730	n.a.	n.a.	8.4	2.14	2.04	1,208	60.6
1937-38.. ..	965	n.a.	n.a.	7.9	2.51	2.47	1,176	69.1
1938-39.. ..	974	n.a.	n.a.	8.8	2.71	2.65	1,164	56.2
1946-47.. ..	2,257	2,117	n.a.	15.3	4.13	3.18	1,306	58.3
1947-48.. ..	2,368	1,960	369.2	14.8	4.28	3.42	1,351	65.8
1948-49.. ..	2,290	2,133	475.5	13.5	4.24	3.40	1,287	71.3
1949-50.. ..	2,519	2,398	548.5	14.4	4.09	3.11	1,284	73.7
1950-51.. ..	2,951	2,537	905.0	12.7	3.87	3.13	1,409	82.0
1951-52.. ..	r2,872	r2,617	r905.4	r10.1	r3.04	r2.43	r1,400	p81.2
1952-53 p ..	2,277	1,986	1,287.5	10.4	2.93	2.40	1,338	57.2
Monthly Total—								
1951-52 p—	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	
July	3,366	2,800	1,182.0	11.8	4.03	3.05	1,565	90.5
August	3,495	2,911	1,269.0	10.8	4.36	3.19	1,641	107.8
September ..	3,125	2,608	973.4	8.9	4.09	3.13	1,528	90.0
October	3,510	2,858	1,052.9	10.8	4.29	3.13	1,657	106.9
November ..	3,472	2,838	1,040.0	10.6	3.64	2.87	1,575	108.3
December ..	2,336	1,929	552.8	8.2	2.31	1.90	1,053	80.7
January	2,242	1,990	781.8	8.8	2.04	1.79	999	55.1
February ..	2,813	2,814	938.4	9.9	2.64	2.46	1,391	83.3
March	2,702	2,783	807.8	10.1	2.49	2.28	1,418	69.0
April	2,541	2,601	712.8	9.3	1.95	1.75	1,237	65.4
May	2,393	2,591	792.2	10.8	2.31	1.89	1,406	66.5
June	2,465	2,679	761.0	10.7	2.28	1.71	1,323	60.9
1952-53 p—								
July	2,707	2,715	1,047.6	10.3	2.28	1.70	1,473	73.6
August	2,259	1,949	1,102.8	8.3	2.43	1.76	1,379	64.0
September ..	2,402	2,041	1,100.0	7.8	2.53	2.05	1,411	65.3
October	2,557	2,172	1,341.9	10.0	2.74	2.42	1,465	72.5
November ..	2,160	1,841	1,278.1	10.1	2.98	2.57	1,349	65.9
December ..	1,794	1,552	966.7	9.7	2.54	2.05	1,081	52.1
January	1,414	1,271	901.3	8.0	2.00	1.74	804	27.1
February ..	2,104	1,855	1,308.6	10.3	3.25	2.81	1,303	53.5
March	2,434	1,847	1,395.9	11.6	3.51	2.99	1,410	49.4
April	2,543	2,292	1,608.3	11.5	3.59	2.78	1,392	52.8
May	2,333	2,036	1,820.3	11.8	3.76	3.02	1,480	53.5
June	2,608	2,268	1,578.8	15.6	3.58	2.87	1,506	57.1
1953-54 p—	.							
July	3,012	2,513	1,781.8	12.7	3.72	2.80	1,634	71.1

For meaning of symbols n.a., r, p, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING—continued.

Period.	Knitted Goods—Made in Knitting Mills.					
	Hosiery.			Knitted Underwear.		
	Men's and Boys'.	Women's, Maids' and Girls'.	Children's.	Men's.	Women's. (a)	Boys' and Girls'.
	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.
Monthly Average—						
1936-37	83.1	157.1	49.1		153.8	
1937-38	86.7	183.7	52.0		178.5	
1938-39	91.9	178.0	51.0		176.8	
1946-47	106.4	121.6	43.0	49.3	103.0	36.1
1947-48	105.4	130.6	59.8	52.3	110.7	40.9
1948-49	106.3	128.0	58.8	55.6	105.7	36.4
1949-50	99.3	142.4	54.7	71.9	103.4	47.7
1950-51	128.0	154.8	46.9	65.3	126.9	62.4
1951-52	r121.8	r155.6	r39.1	p64.6	p127.0	p50.4
1952-53 p ..	131.3	193.7	34.5	61.5	118.7	44.5
Monthly Total —						
1951-52 p—	r	r	r			
July	155.1	187.9	50.0	78.5	144.1	58.0
August	162.7	188.4	54.0	89.8	156.5	77.5
September ..	149.6	176.8	44.0	79.2	149.0	62.2
October	168.8	201.1	52.5	91.3	168.7	79.4
November ..	138.2	174.2	42.8	77.0	156.7	60.4
December ..	105.5	123.0	32.2	54.0	106.5	38.1
January	72.4	110.5	34.2	44.1	83.0	33.5
February ..	112.5	146.0	32.8	56.5	131.6	47.2
March	102.5	135.1	33.2	54.8	118.4	39.2
April	86.9	117.9	27.9	50.0	104.8	32.2
May	101.0	150.1	32.6	49.3	106.7	38.8
June	106.2	156.1	33.2	50.5	98.4	38.5
1952-53 p—						
July	120.9	183.6	26.1	(b) 64.4	(c) 126.7	36.2
August	119.1	170.9	25.7	63.0	112.1	36.6
September ..	133.9	197.5	35.0	70.1	134.0	36.5
October	152.4	211.4	38.1	71.7	142.7	43.7
November ..	138.1	194.1	33.9	62.8	127.2	41.8
December ..	119.6	167.8	29.9	54.7	115.1	38.7
January	85.1	120.5	20.3	38.3	71.6	28.3
February ..	134.9	193.3	38.1	54.5	124.0	47.7
March	142.4	225.1	42.9	58.4	104.0	56.7
April	140.1	214.6	36.0	61.0	116.3	54.4
May	138.2	217.7	43.7	70.4	127.4	55.5
June	150.4	227.2	44.2	68.5	123.5	58.3
1953-54 p—						
July	168.9	251.6	53.4	88.7	153.8	74.8

(a) Excludes Women's and Girls' Nightwear.
maids ..

(b) Collected as "men's and youths".

(c) Collected as "women's and

For meaning of symbols r, p, —, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF FOOD AND DRINK.

Period.	Wheaten Flour.	Refined Sugar.	Whole Milk for All Purposes.	Dairy Products (Factory Production).			Meat (Bone-in Weight).(a)					Beer.
				Butter.	Cheese.	Processed Full Cream Milk Products.	Beef (including Veal).	Mutton.	Lamb.	Total Pigeats (as Pork).	Total (b).	
	'000 Short Tons.	'000 Tons.	Million Gals.	Tons.	Tons.	'000 Gals. Whole Milk Equiv.	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	'000 gals.
Monthly Average—												
1936-37	102.4	27.0	89.9	13,908	1,636	n.a.	45.9	16.0	9.94	7.71	79.6	6,261
1937-38	104.2	28.9	96.4	15,242	2,018	n.a.	49.7	17.2	9.92	7.16	84.0	7,084
1938-39	114.4	28.2	99.1	16,232	2,415	2,781	46.6	17.1	9.55	7.24	80.5	7,523
1946-47	124.1	35.2	90.0	11,568	3,518	5,871	40.6	15.2	10.00	7.91	73.8	10,657
1947-48	133.2	36.3	97.8	13,132	3,453	6,509	46.8	13.8	10.80	7.48	78.9	10,561
1948-49	139.9	35.7	101.1	13,424	3,596	7,304	48.1	15.1	11.59	7.82	82.6	12,171
1949-50	125.8	35.2	103.5	14,037	3,731	7,464	50.5	17.2	12.69	7.52	87.9	13,009
1950-51	141.3	37.6	100.0	13,303	3,692	7,069	54.3	13.5	9.37	7.11	84.3	14,397
1951-52	r143.4	r41.1	87.6	10,931	3,382	6,360	r48.5	r14.7	r8.88	r7.07	r79.1	r15,398
1952-53p	143.5	35.2	102.3	13,623	3,898	7,160	r56.2	r20.5	12.28	r7.03	r96.0	16,592
Monthly Total—												
1951-52—	r	r					r	r	r	r	r	r
July ..	172.2	39.2	62.8	7,013	2,135	3,909	62.6	10.3	4.57	7.11	84.6	14,700
Aug. ..	160.2	44.7	76.6	9,119	3,050	5,435	63.1	10.8	6.06	7.34	87.3	15,349
Sept. ..	148.5	42.7	94.4	11,511	4,666	7,762	52.4	11.0	7.75	6.53	77.7	14,320
Oct. ..	150.4	44.4	125.5	16,748	6,290	10,602	45.6	12.6	12.86	6.82	77.8	16,001
Nov. ..	146.0	43.3	122.1	16,051	6,112	10,496	44.5	16.0	15.47	7.70	83.7	15,988
Dec. ..	128.6	35.2	108.6	13,889	5,158	9,221	38.8	16.6	11.86	8.27	75.5	15,500
Jan. ..	148.2	39.6	96.7	12,377	3,715	7,488	40.1	18.3	9.88	6.35	74.7	17,175
Feb. ..	139.4	44.7	77.9	9,501	2,442	5,656	44.7	19.2	8.49	7.00	79.4	16,237
March	137.5	43.0	80.6	10,197	2,165	4,942	41.7	16.8	7.83	7.13	73.4	16,455
April ..	116.0	36.0	73.8	9,132	1,682	4,239	40.0	14.3	7.53	7.04	68.9	15,179
May ..	141.7	41.8	68.3	8,219	1,565	3,516	51.7	15.4	7.08	7.37	81.5	14,831
June ..	132.4	38.9	64.0	7,449	1,602	3,058	56.7	14.6	7.15	6.19	84.7	13,038
1952-53p—							r	r	r	r	r	
July ..	138.2	48.6	68.2	7,855	2,226	3,537	59.4	15.5	8.02	6.92	89.8	15,355
Aug. ..	139.3	42.4	84.2	10,316	3,620	5,200	52.9	15.6	9.12	6.51	84.1	15,180
Sept. ..	135.9	42.4	113.7	15,126	5,267	8,846	51.3	18.7	12.20	6.87	89.1	16,301
Oct. ..	139.1	39.1	140.3	19,314	6,865	12,048	55.8	22.9	21.66	7.28	107.7	16,817
Nov. ..	139.2	30.2	142.3	19,452	6,952	13,282	50.1	21.3	22.61	7.16	101.3	13,876
Dec. ..	125.2	26.2	140.6	19,522	6,322	12,502	53.3	24.7	18.79	9.43	106.3	19,096
Jan. ..	144.8	28.3	121.9	16,895	4,889	9,384	48.4	24.4	10.88	6.26	90.0	18,740
Feb. ..	142.5	32.3	106.8	15,045	3,299	6,854	49.3	24.4	9.02	6.09	88.8	16,790
Mar. ..	148.0	36.2	100.2	14,056	2,624	5,403	56.2	23.4	9.48	7.22	96.3	18,374
Apr. ..	141.1	32.7	79.2	10,435	1,745	3,550	56.4	19.9	9.15	7.04	92.6	16,463
May ..	164.7	31.9	68.0	8,283	1,478	2,734	67.6	17.9	8.45	6.95	100.9	16,173
June ..	162.7	31.6	62.4	7,177	1,483	2,576	73.6	17.0	7.69	6.67	105.0	15,937
1953-54p—												
July ..	170.7	37.0	62.9	6,951	1,986	3,088	70.7	15.8	7.63	7.44	101.5	14,658

(a) Includes monthly estimates of production in Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

(b) In terms of fresh meat

For meaning of symbols n.a., r, p, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS.

Period.	Tobacco, Cigars and Cigarettes. (a)	Chemicals and Allied Products.						Motor Bodies.			Pneumatic Tyres— Motor Cycle. Car, Truck, Aero, &c.
		Sulphuric Acid (100%).	Super- phosphate.	Paints.			Sedans and Coupes.	Tourers and Roadsters.	Utilities.		
				Ready- Mixed Paint.	Lacquers Nitro- Cellulose.	Enamels and Synthetic Finishes.					
	'000 lb.	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	'000 Gals.	'000 Gals.	'000 Gals.	No.	No.	No.	'000.	
Monthly Average—											
1936-37	1,805	36.4	90.9	161	n.a.	n.a.	3,660	478	610	n.a.	
1937-38	1,904	41.3	102.8	170	60	39	4,032	804	518	n.a.	
1938-39	1,939	40.8	100.0	176	48	48	3,426	816	715	n.a.	
1946-47	2,534	38.3	97.5	233	63	94	1,199	496	528	141	
1947-48	2,502	40.4	98.8	291	74	116	1,874	536	786	142	
1948-49	2,427	48.8	118.6	308	69	143	2,131	487	799	143	
1949-50	2,558	51.0	123.6	330	78	186	2,347	333	1,174	164	
1950-51	2,652	53.3	129.0	466	96	157	3,036	387	1,853	187	
1951-52	2,684	r54.2	133.1	r459	r99	r175	r3,486	r390	r1,865	213	
1952-53 p.. ..	3,018	52.4	131.8	355	83	177	3,875		1,707	141	
Monthly Total—											
1951-52 p—		r		r	r	r	r	r	r		
July	2,741	55.4	123.5	591	101	199	3,480	813	2,153	201	
August	2,976	56.9	151.9	591	113	212	3,808	567	2,159	224	
September ..	3,989	47.4	113.3	593	113	200	3,422	(b)	2,209	212	
October	1,382	54.3	137.5	601	111	212	3,599	(b)	2,158	207	
November ..	3,095	51.3	124.2	551	113	209	3,742	(b)	1,988	247	
December ..	2,394	54.5	118.7	351	83	148	2,759	(b)	1,495	162	
January	2,410	58.7	150.7	339	89	152	2,162	(b)	1,488	175	
February ..	2,550	49.5	128.7	441	101	170	3,837	(b)	1,950	228	
March	2,949	57.6	136.6	394	108	166	3,565	(b)	1,639	245	
April	2,597	61.0	152.1	361	88	145	3,517	159	1,498	208	
May	2,864	54.0	127.1	382	92	153	4,230	(b)	1,937	244	
June	2,260	49.8	132.7	311	76	132	3,716	(b)	1,711	203	
1952-53 p—											
July	2,933	49.6	123.4	274	76	146	3,956		1,752	214	
August	2,840	47.6	115.8	267	71	128	3,467		1,560	160	
September ..	2,860	51.4	121.2	308	68	161	3,579		1,563	115	
October	3,208	54.2	143.1	394	73	159	4,036		1,688	130	
November ..	3,068	45.9	111.4	364	79	183	3,999		1,455	100	
December ..	2,872	51.9	135.8	335	72	169	3,864		1,430	76	
January	2,714	43.5	111.0	313	62	146	2,421		1,083	86	
February ..	3,157	48.4	119.4	399	96	191	4,063		1,884	130	
March	3,314	58.0	144.5	444	112	217	4,753		2,159	166	
April	3,039	60.2	160.4	392	93	194	4,058		2,119	148	
May	3,169	57.5	148.8	397	107	217	4,007		1,910	163	
June	3,037	60.5	146.6	373	91	216	4,299		1,880	202	
1953-54 p—											
July	3,350	55.7	134.0	428	105	224	* 5,460		2,255	240	

(a) Details for 1950-51 and earlier periods refer to Australian factory production; 1951-52 and later figures to quantity on which excise duty was paid.
 (b) Not available for publication.

For meaning of symbols n.a., r, p, see page 1.

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Unless otherwise stated, the indexes shown below include mining, manufacturing, electricity and manufactured gas, but exclude construction. When the indexes are adjusted for differences in the number of working days per month or for seasonal variations they are footnoted accordingly.

Source : *Monthly Bulletin of Statistics* of the Statistical Office of the United Nations.

(Base : 1948 = 100.)

Period.	Belgium. (a)	Canada. (b)	Denmark. (b)	France. (b)	Italy.	Japan.	Nether- lands.	Norway. (b) (c)	Sweden. (b)	United King- dom. (d)	U.S.A. (b) (e)
1937 ..	102	55	n.a.	98	n.a.	192	88	80	67	91	59
1938 ..	82	52	n.a.	90	101	210	89	80	67	86	46
1939 ..	87	56	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	98	85	73	n.a.	57
1946 ..	73	88	n.a.	71	n.a.	n.a.	65	80	91	n.a.	89
1947 ..	93	96	n.a.	86	96	n.a.	83	92	94	n.a.	97
1948 ..	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1949 ..	100	102	106	110	110	129	112	106	104	106	92
1950 ..	102	108	119	111	127	152	123	113	108	114	104
1951 ..	118	115	121	125	144	200	128	119	112	117	115
1952 ..	114	119	116	131	146	213	130	119	110	114	114
1951—											
July ..	109	114	91	120	151	205	119	84	80	111	111
August ..	115	116	119	101	122	199	124	113	108	104	115
September..	116	117	126	123	148	198	126	123	115	121	116
October ..	119	118	124	129	154	195	139	122	116	121	116
November..	121	115	124	133	144	204	135	121	118	123	115
December..	117	108	114	131	141	214	120	116	116	113	113
1952—											
January ..	116	108	114	136	146	197	130	121	112	117	113
February ..	116	111	117	137	139	200	124	131	113	120	114
March ..	115	113	120	137	144	212	127	122	116	123	113
April ..	115	117	120	136	143	r211	123	122	117	110	112
May ..	115	120	120	133	153	r215	126	127	116	117	110
June ..	113	121	118	132	144	212	122	123	115	112	107
July ..	101	116	85	123	152	r217	128	80	69	102	101
August ..	106	119	116	105	119	r218	123	112	104	98	114
September..	115	124	122	128	154	221	138	121	113	115	121
October ..	119	126	122	133	162	220	147	124	116	120	121
November..	120	126	122	134	150	r216	138	125	116	123	122
December ..	113	120	117	131	152	224	135	120	116	112	121
1953—											
January ..	110	118	115	130	150	207	135	116	111	118	121
February ..	111	123	120	131	143	210	127	131	113	122	123
March ..	113	126	124	r131	160	241	144	129	115	124	125
April ..	115	130	121	129	156	244	142	124	119	r118	125
May ..		131	122	130	161	r250	135	128	114	123	125
June ..			121			252	143			119	126
July ..											123

(a) Adjusted for seasonal variations and for number of working days. (b) Adjusted for number of working days.
(c) Excludes electricity. (d) Partially adjusted for number of working days. Includes construction. (e) Excludes electricity and manufactured gas.

For meaning of symbols n.a., r, see page 1.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(Excludes Defence Service Vehicles.)

Period.	Motor Vehicles on Register at end of period.			New Motor Vehicles Registered during period. (a)		
	Motor Cars.	Commercial Vehicles, &c.	Motor Cycles.	Motor Cars.	Commercial Vehicles, &c.	Motor Cycles.
	'000.	'000.	'000.			
Monthly Averages.						
1936-37	499	214	78	4,049	2,016	623
1937-38	535	242	80	4,594	2,283	694
1938-39(a)	562	258	79	4,509	2,077	614
1946-47	550	376	87	1,770	1,360	685
1947-48	593	414	100	3,562	2,397	1,192
1948-49	655	452	117	5,539	3,056	1,852
1949-50	768	502	134	9,584	4,829	2,232
1950-51	883	551	146	10,639	6,494	2,263
1951-52	1,032	583	155	10,443	6,122	1,846
1952-53	1,109	582	148	r7,748	r4,362	r941
Monthly Totals.						
1951-52—						
August	912	567	148	13,556	9,441	2,735
September	921	571	149	10,795	6,347	2,397
October	934	576	151	12,145	6,537	2,500
November	(b)944	(b)579	152	(b)11,866	(b)6,835	2,187
December	956	579	153	9,879	5,406	1,789
January	970	580	153	8,160	4,577	1,567
February	986	582	154	9,637	5,301	1,574
March	995	581	154	10,996	5,879	1,774
April	1,005	581	154	10,152	5,407	1,381
May	1,021	583	154	9,670	5,643	1,163
June	1,032	583	155	7,772	5,069	900
1952-53—						
July	1,044	582	154	7,634	4,737	941
August	1,043	574	152	6,598	4,014	918
September	1,052	571	151	7,174	4,080	970
October	1,061	569	151	9,047	4,464	1,114
November	1,069	570	151	8,794	4,353	984
December	1,085	575	152	r9,314	r4,619	1,147
January	1,083	570	150	r5,943	r3,110	936
February	1,085	572	150	r7,317	r4,005	910
March	1,093	575	150	r8,352	r4,641	r996
April	1,100	577	150	r7,496	r4,592	r867
May	1,105	579	149	r7,902	r4,867	r809
June	1,109	582	148	r7,407	r4,861	r697
1953-54—						
July				p9,500	p5,400	p780
August				p8,500	p4,700	p750

(a) Excludes Northern Territory; also extra-Metropolitan area of Western Australia prior to 1938-39. (b) Prior to 12th November, 1951, primary producers' vehicles registered in Victoria included private cars and commercial vehicles, and were included in commercial vehicle registrations. Since that date, only vehicles constructed for the carriage of goods and used by primary producers solely in connexion with their business are so registered.

For meaning of symbols r, p, —, see page 1.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS : FREIGHT, PASSENGERS AND REVENUE.

The following table shows statistics of freight and passengers carried and of revenue earned on the five Mainland State Railways to the end of June, 1947. From July, 1947, particulars relate to all State and Commonwealth Railway Systems, Tasmania, however, still being excluded in respect of particulars of freight.

The daily average number of passenger-journeys is obtained by dividing the monthly totals by the *total* number of days in the month.

Period.	Freight Carried.		Passenger-journeys.	Gross Revenue.	Net Revenue.
	Net Ton-miles.	Average haul per ton.			
	Daily Average. '000.	Miles.	Daily Average. '000.	Per Month. £'000.	Per Month. £'000.
1936-37	12,820	125.9	1,028	3,407	886
1937-38	13,976	125.0	1,048	3,632	886
1938-39	13,085	127.0	1,048	3,580	694
	(a)	(a)			
1945-46	16,893	147.1	1,485	5,576	823
1946-47	17,406	148.4	1,368	5,303	427
1947-48	(b)18,510	(b)144.4	1,395	6,376	443
1948-49	(b)19,317	(b)146.2	1,381	7,174	89
1949-50	(b)19,181	(b)148.8	1,377	7,702	— 184
1950-51	(b)19,462	(b)148.6	1,300	8,834	— 569
1951-52	(b)20,342	(b)145.7	1,367	11,668	— 602
1951-52—	(b)	(b)			(c)
June	19,175	135.3	1,445	11,972	— 3,849
1952-53—					
July	19,573	139.9	1,308	12,118	— 1,287
August	18,025	130.9	1,293	12,317	— 812
September	18,746	130.6	1,493	13,428	148
October	19,325	134.6	1,266	13,889	394
November	19,435	134.5	1,344	12,710	— 1,758
December	18,315	139.4	1,340	13,123	— 418
January	15,897	126.7	1,271	12,540	882
February	19,122	134.7	1,429	11,492	— 997
March	19,940	142.5	1,388	13,325	— 275
April	18,743	141.2	1,388	13,195	611
May	19,507	142.8	1,349	13,085	— 1,016

(a) Excludes Uniform Gauge Railway. (b) Excludes Tasmania. (c) These figures do not present satisfactory monthly comparisons, because of the periodical inclusion in expenditure of amounts to be set aside for special purposes. Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

MAINLAND STATE RAILWAYS : GROSS REVENUE.(a)

(£'000.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Total.
1951-52	67,308	24,375	22,407	9,418	9,216	132,724
1952-53	73,932	31,666	24,835	11,616	7,934	149,983
July-August, 1952	10,787	3,794	4,219	1,759	978	21,537
July-August, 1953	11,087	5,191	4,923		1,511	

(a) From monthly statements issued by each Treasury. These figures are on a cash basis and differ slightly from the corresponding figures in the table above, which are on an income and expenditure basis. Exclude Treasury transfers.

For meaning of symbol —, see page 1.

INTERSTATE SHIPPING CARGOES.

('000.)

Period.	Tons (weight and measurement combined) shipped from—						
	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia. (a)
Monthly Average—							
1936-37 ..	284	92	39	184	8	68	675
1937-38 ..	309	101	37	212	8	75	742
1938-39 ..	284	94	39	241	10	78	746
1946-47 ..	283	72	46	234	17	55	707
1947-48 ..	293	64	46	216	14	58	692
1948-49 ..	287	59	43	167	11	50	617
1949-50 ..	258	58	40	215	12	51	635
1950-51 ..	259	57	46	242	12	55	671
1951-52 ..	312	62	54	256	17	50	752
1952-53 ..	316	56	61	264	61	52	810
Monthly Total—							
1951-52—							
July ..	319	69	39	254	27	31	740
August ..	392	67	48	258	14	64	844
September..	326	49	65	264	20	70	795
October ..	326	89	67	260	10	36	789
November..	346	62	70	253	21	40	792
December..	253	56	49	257	5	47	667
January ..	296	54	61	265	20	58	754
February ..	287	59	69	244	14	57	731
March ..	292	64	58	280	6	64	764
April ..	274	45	33	245	12	44	653
May ..	338	62	58	263	22	48	791
June ..	292	66	36	226	37	44	701
1952-53—							
July ..	378	55	94	287	26	65	905
August ..	369	63	83	335	16	57	924
September..	347	58	63	266	34	55	823
October ..	419	57	59	303	49	58	945
November..	339	54	89	244	56	51	834
December..	281	52	51	235	75	33	729
January ..	242	44	40	275	64	44	709
February ..	287	55	59	245	85	43	775
March ..	327	46	57	268	70	54	822
April ..	259	56	44	242	78	53	732
May ..	293	65	48	255	86	56	803
June ..	249	60	46	209	87	55	708
1953-54—							
July ..	377	76	55	244	87	62	902

(a) Includes Northern Territory.

OVERSEA SHIPPING CARGOES.

('000.)

Period.	Discharged.			Shipped.		
	Tons Weight.	Tons Measure.	Total (Tons W and M).	Tons Weight.	Tons Measure.	Total (Tons W and M).
Monthly Average—						
1936-37	304	169	473	419	78	497
1937-38	364	190	554	478	91	569
1938-39	350	183	533	428	91	519
1946-47	348	116	464	259	112	371
1947-48	415	160	575	374	104	478
1948-49	488	214	702	452	114	566
1949-50	641	298	939	422	116	538
1950-51	757	333	1,090	450	108	558
1951-52	810	391	1,201	374	103	477
1952-53	644	161	805	504	121	625
Monthly Total—						
1951-52—						
July	740	287	1,027	450	108	558
August	898	395	1,293	458	73	531
September ..	818	437	1,255	383	75	458
October	868	464	1,332	414	102	516
November ..	838	417	1,255	375	110	485
December ..	751	421	1,172	261	81	342
January	906	530	1,436	319	76	395
February ..	741	446	1,187	376	76	452
March	823	436	1,259	386	134	520
April	783	407	1,190	399	126	525
May	816	255	1,071	345	130	475
June	744	196	940	322	139	461
1952-53—						
July	727	169	896	402	119	521
August	714	168	882	366	113	479
September ..	810	128	938	366	154	520
October	639	163	802	498	118	616
November ..	597	134	731	449	121	570
December ..	690	167	857	476	98	574
January	572	178	750	447	86	533
February ..	476	130	606	485	94	579
March	549	182	731	625	144	769
April	651	143	794	594	150	744
May	681	168	849	672	151	823
June	625	197	822	668	107	775
1953-54—						
July	621	194	815	683	116	799

POST OFFICE ACTIVITY.

Period.	Receipts of P.M.G.'s Department.(a)	Broadcast Listeners' Licences in force at end of period.(b)	Telephone Services connected at end of period.	
			Lines.	Instruments.
	£'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.
Monthly Averages.				
1936-37	1,318	938	440	595
1937-38	1,396	1,056	465	630
1938-39	1,447	1,130	488	662
1946-47	2,484	1,771	648	905
1947-48	2,616	1,833	688	963
1948-49	2,776	1,919	734	1,028
1949-50	3,196	2,030	793	1,110
1950-51	3,732	(c)2,110	864	1,209
1951-52	4,948	1,961	927	1,301
1952-53	5,367	1,986	985	1,384
Monthly Totals.				
1951-52—				
September	4,102	2,257	883	1,236
October	5,180	2,247	889	1,245
November	4,787	2,241	894	1,253
December	5,309	(c)2,245	899	1,259
January	4,840	1,986	904	1,266
February	5,023	1,991	909	1,274
March	4,940	1,985	914	1,280
April	4,834	1,981	918	1,287
May	5,798	1,973	923	1,294
June	5,657	1,961	927	1,301
1952-53—				
July	5,334	1,900	932	1,308
August	5,121	1,898	937	1,315
September	5,382	1,904	942	1,323
October	5,702	1,923	947	1,330
November	5,030	1,969	952	1,337
December	5,898	1,983	957	1,343
January	4,866	1,990	961	1,349
February	5,126	1,983	966	1,355
March	5,605	1,989	971	1,362
April	5,275	1,994	975	1,369
May	5,384	1,987	980	1,376
June	5,675	1,986	985	1,384
1953-54—				
July	5,438	1,988	991	1,392
August	5,116	1,991	996	1,400
September	5,613			

(a) Actual collections. (b) Includes Papua. (c) During the period July, 1942, to December, 1951, supplementary licences for receivers in excess of one are included.

For meaning of symbol —, see page 1.

WHOLESALE TRADE.

An indication of fluctuations in the value of wholesale trade is given by the returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade, and exclude sales of vendors trading only in exempt goods. They do not necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade. The effects of legislation and administrative changes on the recorded values of taxable and exempt goods respectively are somewhat uncertain, but total recorded sales are affected in smaller degree. Insufficient information is available to enable adjustments to be made to the crude figures on this account. Monthly totals are compiled on a basis comparable with the monthly averages for preceding years.

(£ million.)

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(a) The rates of tax per cent. were 5 from 22.9.38; 6 from 9.9.39; $8\frac{1}{2}$ from 3.5.40; 5, 10 and 15 on different classes of goods from 22.11.40; 5, 10 and 20 from 30.10.41; $12\frac{1}{2}$ and 25 from 1.5.42; 10 and 25 from 15.11.46; $8\frac{1}{2}$ and 25 from 8.9.49; $8\frac{1}{2}$, 10, 25 and $33\frac{1}{3}$ from 13.10.50; $12\frac{1}{2}$, 20, 25, $33\frac{1}{3}$, 50 and $66\frac{2}{3}$ from 27.9.51; $12\frac{1}{2}$, 20, $33\frac{1}{3}$ and 50 from 7.8.52. From 21.7.43, rationed clothing, &c., were reduced to $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. and was exempted from 15.11.46. With certain specified exemptions, all goods sold in Australia, including imports, are taxable. The list of exemptions was extended as from 13.12.38; 26.9.39; and restricted as from 3.6.40, 22.11.40, 30.10.41. As from 1.5.42, 3.7.43, 21.7.43, 8.9.44 there was a partial restoration of former exemptions. As from 13.9.45, 10.4.46, 15.11.46, 20.9.47, 9.9.48, 8.9.49, 13.10.50, and 27.8.51, further former exemptions were restored and additional exemptions granted.

For meaning of symbols \dots , r , p , see page 1.

VALUE OF RETAIL SALES(a) : STATES.

The figures in the tables below relate to the retail sales of goods (as distinct from services, accommodation, entertainments, meals, &c.) by establishments selling retail goods from fixed premises (shops, rooms, kiosks, yards) and include the retail sales of establishments principally engaged in wholesale, manufacturing or servicing activities.
(£ million.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Total. (b)
Quarterly Average—							
1947-48 ..	96.3	67.6	32.6	20.1	16.3	7.5	240.4
1948-49 ..	114.6	80.0	38.6	24.5	19.8	8.8	286.3
1949-50 ..	133.3	96.9	45.8	30.3	24.2	10.3	340.8
1950-51 ..	167.2	118.8	56.5	37.2	29.7	12.9	422.3
1951-52 ..	188.7	135.2	64.0	43.8	35.3	15.5	482.5
1952-53r ..	190.3	136.3	67.1	44.2	36.6	16.0	490.5
Quarterly Total—							
1950-51—							
June Qtr.	181.2	127.6	60.2	41.0	31.9	14.1	456.0
1951-52—							
September ..	182.3	126.8	62.7	41.0	32.3	14.4	459.5
December ..	206.4	147.2	69.2	46.0	37.2	16.5	522.5
March ..	180.7	132.9	61.4	44.0	35.3	15.4	469.7
June ..	185.3	133.9	62.8	44.3	36.3	15.5	478.1
1952-53—							
September ..	179.5	127.7	62.6	41.0	34.3	14.9	460.0
December ..	209.6	148.8	72.6	47.1	39.4	17.7	535.2
March ..	180.1	130.3	64.0	42.8	35.5	15.1	467.8
June r ..	192.1	138.6	69.2	45.8	37.0	16.4	499.1

(a) Includes retail sales of Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, &c.

(b) Excludes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory.

VALUE OF RETAIL SALES IN AUSTRALIA(a) : COMMODITY GROUPS.

(£ million.)

Period.	Gro- ceries.	Butchers' Meat.	Other Food. (b)	Beer, Wine and Spirits.	Clothing, Drapery, Piece Goods and Foot- wear.	Hard- ware.	Electri- cal Goods.	Furni- ture.	Other Goods.	Total (Excl. Motor Vehicles, &c.)	Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, &c.	Total.
Quarterly Average—												
1947-48 ..	31.9	39.4		(c)	49.8	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	211.0	29.4	240.4
1948-49 ..	35.9	16.3	29.1	23.8	59.5	18.1	8.5	11.6	42.0	244.8	41.5	286.3
1949-50 ..	40.1	18.6	32.9	26.1	65.4	20.8	10.2	13.4	49.5	277.0	63.8	340.8
1950-51 ..	46.2	22.3	38.9	30.4	80.7	27.5	14.6	18.6	59.4	338.6	83.7	422.3
1951-52 ..	57.4	28.3	47.1	37.7	85.7	32.0	16.5	18.1	70.3	393.1	89.4	482.5
1952-53r ..	64.4	30.0	51.9	42.3	85.7	32.1	15.5	17.1	70.2	409.2	81.3	490.5
Quarterly Total—												
1950-51—												
June Qtr. ..	49.4	25.3	40.3	31.0	90.8	31.3	15.4	20.6	62.5	366.6	89.4	456.0
1951-52—												
Sept. ..	52.5	26.7	43.3	31.6	81.7	31.1	17.8	19.8	65.8	370.3	89.2	459.5
Dec. ..	59.1	28.2	49.0	41.1	95.4	34.9	19.1	19.5	80.2	426.5	96.0	522.5
Mar. ..	57.2	28.7	48.7	40.3	75.8	30.8	15.3	16.4	67.5	380.7	89.0	469.7
June ..	60.9	29.6	47.5	37.8	89.8	31.2	13.9	16.6	67.5	394.8	83.3	478.1
1952-53—												
Sept. ..	61.9	30.1	48.7	37.9	78.0	30.2	13.9	16.4	67.1	384.2	75.8	460.0
Dec. ..	67.9	30.2	54.4	46.5	97.5	35.2	18.5	18.6	79.7	448.5	86.7	535.2
Mar. ..	62.3	29.2	52.1	43.8	73.9	30.4	14.9	16.2	66.5	389.3	78.5	467.8
June r ..	65.3	30.6	52.5	40.9	94.0	32.7	14.5	17.0	67.5	415.0	84.1	499.1

(a) Excludes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory.

(b) Includes Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Confectionery, Soft Drinks, Ice Cream, Cakes, Pastry, Cooked Provisions, Fish, &c., but excludes some delivered Milk and Bread.

(c) Comparable commodity dissections for 1947-48 not collected.

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(a)
LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.
 (£ million.)

Period.	Deposits.(b)			Advances.	Govern- ment and Municipal Securities. (c)	Special Accounts with Com- monwealth Bank.	Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Common- wealth Bank	Treasury Bills.
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.					
Average of Weekly Figures—								
1936-37.. ..	184.7	112.9	297.6	262.5	15.0	..	34.2	24.5
1937-38.. ..	194.8	120.0	314.8	274.4	21.4	..	37.1	20.7
1938-39.. ..	198.8	118.9	317.7	288.1	20.5	..	33.6	21.5
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1946-47.. ..	206.9	429.7	636.6	(d) 261.1	95.0	265.0	37.9	25.8
1947-48.. ..	201.9	471.6	673.5	329.9	65.6	262.3	44.4	18.1
1948-49.. ..	211.3	565.1	776.4	368.6	61.5	322.7	48.0	22.1
1949-50.. ..	224.5	685.6	910.1	403.9	83.8	377.0	52.0	26.5
1950-51.. ..	247.7	896.5	1,144.2	479.3	90.2	500.3	59.3	36.9
1951-52.. ..	238.2	963.5	1,201.7	621.4	68.4	466.0	60.6	32.4
1952-53.. ..	218.7	943.7	1,162.4	638.1	86.5	211.7	74.7	123.1
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1951-52—								
August	249.3	941.3	1,190.6	541.6	81.5	523.0	56.3	35.5
September ..	247.4	929.9	1,177.3	568.5	75.8	519.1	54.5	33.5
October	242.2	937.0	1,179.2	593.8	68.2	509.8	56.1	23.5
November ..	240.2	950.5	1,190.7	620.7	63.2	494.5	61.9	19.3
December (e) ..	240.2	1,002.2	1,242.4	624.8	61.9	483.9	69.2	36.0
January	236.9	981.4	1,218.3	638.6	59.0	483.6	67.7	33.6
February	236.5	992.0	1,228.5	654.6	62.0	458.5	64.4	31.3
March	234.9	1,006.4	1,241.3	664.1	67.6	436.5	64.4	37.9
April	232.2	1,014.4	1,246.6	667.9	64.1	427.5	64.2	39.7
May	224.8	957.2	1,182.0	675.6	62.5	398.9	53.7	38.5
June	220.5	902.4	1,122.9	691.2	62.6	303.3	61.2	35.8
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1952-53—								
July	215.1	857.0	1,072.1	699.3	65.3	215.5	65.2	46.4
August	214.8	844.7	1,059.5	690.4	65.5	190.5	68.4	59.5
September ..	214.7	839.4	1,054.1	682.0	65.6	185.7	66.7	69.3
October	213.8	863.9	1,077.7	673.4	66.3	163.8	69.0	97.1
November ..	215.5	898.8	1,114.3	655.7	70.5	156.5	76.5	120.9
December (e) ..	217.1	930.3	1,147.4	637.7	79.3	156.5	78.6	136.8
January	218.7	952.9	1,171.6	616.0	91.3	167.5	91.9	157.8
February	219.0	999.9	1,218.9	604.1	96.5	193.6	89.3	188.4
March	221.1	1,051.5	1,272.6	593.9	101.1	228.6	81.7	211.0
April	224.0	1,059.5	1,283.5	592.5	110.1	276.1	71.7	173.3
May	222.7	1,029.5	1,252.2	597.6	115.5	300.8	65.5	129.0
June	228.9	1,010.1	1,239.0	601.8	115.7	300.8	76.6	100.5
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1953-54—								
July	225.6	978.4	1,204.0	616.9	115.6	296.5	66.1	85.8
August	225.1	956.2	1,181.3	619.9	119.5	282.0	67.1	85.9

(a) Previously Nine Trading Banks. These have been reduced to seven by amalgamations. Australia and New Zealand Bank Ltd., Bank of Adelaide, Bank of New South Wales, Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd., Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd., English, Scottish and Australian Bank Ltd., National Bank of Australasia Ltd., and Queensland National Bank Ltd. (in voluntary liquidation). Averages of liabilities and assets on Mondays in period until December, 1946; thereafter averages of liabilities and assets on Wednesdays. (b) Excludes inscribed deposit stock. (c) Excludes Treasury Bills. (d) Figures for 1945-46 and onwards are not strictly comparable with those for previous periods owing to exclusion from advances of bills receivable and minor miscellaneous assets. (e) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

For meaning of symbols ... —, see page 1.

PRIVATE TRADING BANKS (a)—continued.

RATIOS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO TOTAL DEPOSITS (b) WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(Per Cent.)

Period.			Percentages of various categories of assets to total deposits.					Percentage Non-interest bearing to Total Deposits.
			Cash in Australia.	Cash + Treasury Bills.	Advances.	Advances + Government and Municipal Securities in Australia.(c)	Special Accounts with Commonwealth Bank.	
Average	of	Weekly						
Figures—								
1936-37	11.49	19.73	88.20	93.26	..	37.93
1937-38	11.79	18.37	87.15	93.95	..	38.13
1938-39	10.58	17.36	90.70	97.15	..	37.42
1946-47	5.96	10.02	(d)41.02	(d)55.95	41.63	67.51
1947-48	6.59	9.28	48.98	58.72	38.94	70.02
1948-49	6.18	9.03	47.47	55.39	41.56	72.79
1949-50	5.71	8.62	44.35	53.55	41.40	75.28
1950-51	5.19	8.41	41.89	49.69	43.73	78.35
1951-52	5.04	7.74	51.71	57.40	38.78	80.18
1952-53	6.43	17.02	54.89	62.33	18.21	81.19
1951-52—								
August..	4.73	7.71	45.49	52.34	43.93	79.06
September	4.63	7.48	48.29	54.73	44.09	78.98
October	4.76	6.75	50.36	56.14	43.24	79.46
November	5.20	6.82	52.13	57.44	41.53	79.83
December(e)	5.57	8.47	50.29	55.28	38.95	80.67
January	5.23	7.99	52.42	57.26	39.70	80.55
February	5.24	7.78	53.28	58.33	37.32	80.75
March..	5.18	8.23	53.50	58.94	35.16	81.08
April	5.15	8.33	53.58	58.72	34.29	81.37
May	4.54	7.80	57.16	62.45	33.75	80.98
June	5.45	8.63	61.56	67.14	27.01	80.36
1952-53—								
July	6.08	10.40	65.23	71.32	20.10	79.94
August	6.46	12.08	65.16	71.34	17.98	79.73
September	6.33	12.90	64.70	70.91	17.62	79.63
October	6.40	15.41	62.49	68.64	15.20	80.16
November	6.87	17.72	58.84	65.16	14.05	80.66
December(e)	6.86	18.78	55.58	62.49	13.64	81.08
January	7.84	21.31	52.58	60.37	14.30	81.34
February	7.32	22.77	49.56	57.48	15.88	82.03
March..	6.42	23.00	46.67	54.62	17.97	82.63
April	5.58	19.08	46.16	54.74	21.51	82.55
May..	5.23	15.53	47.72	56.94	24.02	82.21
June	6.19	14.30	48.57	57.91	24.27	81.53
1953-54—								
July	5.49	12.61	51.23	60.83	24.62	81.26
August	5.68	12.95	52.48	62.60	23.87	80.94

(a) See footnote (a) on previous page. (b) Deposits exclude inscribed deposit stock. (c) Excludes Treasury Bills.
 (d) Figures for 1945-46 and onwards are not strictly comparable with those for previous periods owing to exclusion from advances of bills receivable and minor miscellaneous assets. (e) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

For meaning of symbols .., —, see page 1.

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.

GENERAL BANKING DIVISION—LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.(a)

and

RURAL CREDITS, MORTGAGE BANK AND INDUSTRIAL FINANCE DEPARTMENTS—ADVANCES.(a)

(£ million.)

Period.	General Banking Division.								Other Departments—Advances.			
	Deposits.			Ad- vances.	Special Deposit with Common- wealth Bank. (b)	Coin Bullion, Notes and Cash with Common- wealth Bank.	Treasury Bills.	Other Australian Govern- ment and Municipal Securities.	Rural Credits Depart- ment.	Mortgage Bank Depart- ment.	Industrial Finance Department.	
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.								Hire Purchase.	Other.
Average of Weekly Figures—												
1946-47 ..	17.6	40.7	58.3	20.4	..	6.6	1.9	34.3	0.8	2.6	0.6	1.3
1947-48 ..	13.9	43.7	57.6	23.4	..	6.6	..	32.1	0.8	3.1	2.5	3.5
1948-49 ..	13.2	51.1	64.3	31.8	..	6.1	..	34.1	1.8	3.2	7.6	4.8
1949-40 ..	14.8	62.5	77.3	45.3	..	6.2	2.0	35.4	13.8	3.5	12.8	6.3
1950-51 ..	19.4	89.2	108.6	62.5	..	7.2	24.0	26.9	13.7	3.8	14.7	7.6
1951-52 ..	20.1	90.6	110.7	76.4	..	6.6	26.4	13.3	19.7	4.1	15.5	8.7
1952-53 ..	22.8	96.7	119.5	(c)59.5	21.7	8.8	(b)17.2	(c)25.8	44.9	4.3	14.8	8.1
1951-52—												
August ..	22.5	87.9	110.4	72.8	..	6.5	32.5	9.7	5.6	4.0	15.4	7.8
September ..	20.8	86.2	107.0	73.6	..	5.5	30.5	8.4	3.0	4.0	15.9	8.0
October ..	20.6	88.3	108.9	75.3	..	6.5	29.1	9.7	2.7	4.0	16.3	8.2
November ..	20.1	89.6	109.7	78.2	..	6.4	26.0	10.9	3.4	4.1	16.7	8.4
December ..	19.0	96.9	115.9	79.5	..	9.1	27.3	11.1	4.2	4.1	16.6	8.6
January ..	17.9	90.4	108.3	81.2	..	6.8	22.8	11.1	6.5	4.2	16.0	8.8
February ..	18.8	92.7	111.5	81.7	..	6.5	24.0	11.1	23.1	4.3	15.5	9.1
March ..	19.4	93.5	112.9	(c)80.6	..	6.1	23.5	(c)13.5	44.9	4.3	15.1	9.2
April ..	19.9	93.3	113.2	77.9	..	7.2	22.4	17.9	52.5	4.4	14.8	9.3
May ..	19.3	90.2	109.5	73.9	..	5.8	21.0	21.2	44.5	4.3	14.4	9.3
June ..	19.8	89.3	109.1	71.2	..	7.1	23.0	22.1	39.5	4.2	14.2	9.4
1952-53—												
July ..	19.5	85.7	105.2	62.5	21.2	6.8	(b)3.8	22.5	27.4	4.3	14.0	9.1
August ..	19.0	85.9	104.9	62.2	19.9	6.7	4.6	24.4	26.4	4.3	13.9	8.9
September ..	19.5	85.3	104.8	58.8	19.3	7.6	5.6	27.5	23.7	4.3	13.8	8.7
October ..	20.5	88.8	109.3	57.4	16.4	7.7	6.6	33.6	17.1	4.3	13.8	8.5
November ..	23.0	93.6	116.6	59.1	15.8	7.8	9.1	36.9	13.3	4.3	14.2	8.4
December ..	23.3	97.4	120.7	59.5	15.8	7.7	12.1	38.4	11.2	4.2	15.1	8.2
January ..	24.0	93.5	117.5	62.8	16.6	7.0	14.6	33.5	27.3	4.2	15.2	8.1
February ..	24.5	100.0	124.5	61.6	19.3	12.0	20.6	25.8	66.5	4.2	15.3	8.1
March ..	24.9	107.0	131.9	58.1	23.3	11.6	32.7	21.6	95.7	4.3	15.4	8.4
April ..	25.1	107.8	132.9	55.6	28.7	8.7	35.6	16.8	89.6	4.3	15.7	7.9
May ..	25.3	107.3	132.6	57.3	32.3	10.2	32.0	15.2	77.6	4.3	15.9	6.6
June ..	26.0	109.7	135.7	59.7	32.3	11.9	31.3	15.2	62.6	4.2	16.1	6.3
1953-54—												
July ..	27.2	110.6	137.8	62.4	32.3	9.7	31.7	15.2	47.9	4.3	16.3	5.0
August ..	29.6	110.7	140.3	63.4	32.3	11.5	31.6	15.5	36.8	4.4	16.4	4.9

(a) Averages of liabilities and assets on Mondays of period until December, 1946; thereafter averages of liabilities and assets on Wednesdays.

(b) At the beginning of July the General Banking Division opened, in the books of the Central Bank, a special deposit with a balance approximating the amount that would be required if it were subject to Special Account provisions of the *Banking Act 1945-1953*. This represents a change in the form of liquid assets which were previously held, predominantly in Treasury Bills.

(c) Between March and July, 1952, certain loans to building societies and credit foncier loans for housing were transferred from the General Banking Division to the Commonwealth Savings Bank in exchange for Government Securities. The reduction in these loans (held by the General Banking Division) over this period was approximately £24,000,000.

(d) Returns for fourth Wednesday not available.

For meaning of symbols . . . —, see page 1.

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA : CENTRAL BANKING BUSINESS.

(Includes Note Issue Department.)

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.(a)

(£A million.)

Period.	Notes on Issue.			Special Accounts of Trading Banks. (b)	Other Deposits of Trading Banks.	Other Liabilities (excluding Capital and Reserves).	Gold and Balances held Abroad.	Government and other Securities (including Treasury Bills).
	Held by Banks.	Held by Public.	Total.					
Average of Weekly Figures—								
1946-47.. ..	18.7	180.7	199.4	267.0	24.1	122.1	217.6	392.2
1947-48.. ..	22.2	175.9	198.1	263.7	28.0	142.0	196.7	419.9
1948-49.. ..	24.9	178.7	203.6	323.9	29.8	174.6	336.2	356.3
1949-50.. ..	27.9	194.3	222.2	379.6	30.7	200.3	434.0	349.0
1950-51.. ..	32.7	219.1	251.8	503.2	34.7	238.2	596.3	366.6
1951-52.. ..	38.1	255.5	293.6	468.8	31.1	270.9	470.6	503.1
1952-53.. ..	36.9	281.3	318.2	212.9	45.4	287.4	363.6	434.8
1951-52—								
September ..	35.7	248.0	283.7	522.1	26.9	274.3	665.8	372.8
October ..	37.4	249.6	287.0	512.8	26.5	277.8	615.5	412.4
November ..	37.3	252.8	290.1	497.4	32.3	287.1	512.5	513.7
December ..	(c)43.3	(c)264.6	307.9	484.0	35.9	275.0	446.6	581.0
January ..	43.5	257.9	301.4	486.0	33.4	267.4	386.3	615.9
February ..	38.2	256.6	294.8	461.0	36.2	259.9	335.8	627.5
March ..	36.9	259.9	296.8	438.9	36.4	264.0	316.6	613.1
April ..	38.4	265.0	303.4	430.0	33.9	260.1	313.1	585.4
May ..	38.1	262.9	301.0	401.8	22.3	256.0	311.0	541.3
June ..	37.5	264.5	302.0	305.0	30.1	260.2	303.2	488.8
1952-53—								
July ..	36.3	266.1	302.4	216.9	34.9	266.9	288.5	460.9
August ..	36.3	269.5	305.8	191.8	38.2	267.5	291.0	457.3
September ..	36.0	273.0	309.0	187.0	36.3	278.5	301.3	463.8
October ..	35.8	276.5	312.3	164.9	38.9	278.5	299.5	455.1
November ..	35.9	279.4	315.3	157.6	46.9	277.8	320.9	444.2
December (d) ..	40.5	287.9	328.4	157.6	44.9	279.2	338.6	439.1
January ..	40.8	283.1	323.9	168.6	59.1	280.3	366.6	418.9
February ..	36.3	283.0	319.3	194.7	62.0	288.0	393.2	388.6
March ..	35.8	286.2	322.0	229.7	56.5	293.3	412.0	377.9
April ..	37.0	292.0	329.0	277.1	44.5	305.3	433.0	420.1
May ..	36.1	289.8	325.9	301.9	38.7	313.4	455.9	435.0
June ..	36.1	291.9	328.0	301.9	49.0	322.6	479.9	448.4
1953-54—								
July ..	35.7	293.5	329.2	297.6	39.8	319.1	489.5	439.4
August ..	36.0	295.9	331.9	282.7	40.2	304.1	495.5	420.7
September ..			332.5	262.2	42.3	306.0	490.7	409.8

(a) Averages of liabilities and assets on Mondays of period until December, 1946; thereafter on Wednesdays of period.
 (b) Excludes special deposit of the General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank. (c) Dissection made on proportion indicated by the returns for first three Wednesdays. (d) Return for fourth Wednesday not available.

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.(a)
LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.(b)
 (£ million.)

Period.	Deposits.			Advances.	Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Commonwealth Bank.	Treasury Bills.	Other Australian Government and Municipal Securities.
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.				
Average of Weekly Figures—							
1946-47	229.5	480.5	710.0	304.4	47.0	28.5	137.8
1947-48 (c) ..	221.2	527.8	749.0	384.7	54.2	19.2	108.3
1948-49	231.8	634.6	866.4	440.2	58.3	24.0	109.3
1949-50	249.3	771.2	1,020.5	495.4	62.2	29.5	132.3
1950-51	279.6	1,017.6	1,297.2	598.4	71.4	64.0	129.5
1951-52	271.7	1,091.5	1,363.2	759.7	72.3	61.7	96.6
1952-53	256.8	1,076.3	1,333.1	(d)762.3	(e)88.2	(f)144.2	(d)126.2
1951-52—							
August	284.1	1,065.2	1,349.3	672.8	68.1	69.8	106.4
September ..	280.6	1,051.0	1,331.6	701.2	64.6	65.8	99.4
October	275.4	1,059.6	1,335.0	729.5	66.4	54.4	93.0
November ..	272.5	1,074.5	1,347.0	759.7	72.9	47.0	89.0
December (g) ..	271.2	1,135.3	1,406.5	765.6	83.2	65.3	87.8
January	266.8	1,110.8	1,377.6	782.3	80.4	59.8	84.9
February	267.2	1,127.8	1,395.0	799.2	77.4	60.0	87.8
March	267.7	1,143.2	1,410.9	(d)808.2	76.7	67.6	(d)95.8
April	268.8	1,147.8	1,416.6	810.4	77.1	67.7	96.7
May	260.2	1,084.5	1,344.7	814.6	64.1	62.3	98.4
June	255.9	1,026.3	1,282.2	827.9	72.0	59.4	99.4
1952-53—					(e)		
July	249.5	975.2	1,224.7	827.7	75.1	(f)50.5	102.4
August	249.4	962.4	1,211.8	817.6	78.2	64.3	104.6
September ..	250.3	955.1	1,205.4	806.1	77.0	75.1	107.8
October	250.9	983.0	1,233.9	797.1	79.6	104.0	114.4
November ..	253.7	1,024.6	1,278.3	781.3	87.6	130.3	121.0
December (g) ..	255.2	1,060.9	1,316.1	763.5	89.6	149.6	131.0
January	257.5	1,083.3	1,340.8	742.9	104.1	175.5	138.1
February	258.4	1,141.0	1,399.4	729.3	107.2	216.4	135.8
March	261.3	1,201.2	1,462.5	715.9	100.6	253.1	136.1
April	264.2	1,209.0	1,473.2	711.3	87.5	218.2	140.4
May	263.0	1,176.5	1,439.5	718.0	81.9	169.7	144.2
June	269.7	1,158.3	1,428.0	724.8	94.3	138.7	144.6
1953-54—							
July	267.7	1,125.7	1,393.4	743.2	(e)81.6	122.0	144.4
August	269.5	1,102.2	1,371.7	747.1	83.8	121.7	148.6

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under the *Banking Act* 1945-1953. Includes General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, the Rural Bank Department of the Rural Bank of New South Wales, the General Banking Department of the State Bank of South Australia, and from July, 1946, the Rural Department of the Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia. (b) See footnote (a), page 48.

(c) From January, 1948, the General Bank Department of the Rural Bank of New South Wales has been included. The General Bank Department includes the Rural Bank, Advances for Homes, Personal Loans and General Bank Divisions. (d) See footnote (c), page 48.

(e) Varied from figures shown in previous issues by exclusion of the special deposit referred to in footnote (b), page 48. (f) See footnote (b), page 48. (g) See footnote (e), page 46.

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ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS.(a)

(Excluding Debits to Australian Government Accounts at City Branches.)

(£ million.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
Average of Weekly Figures—								
1946-47.. ..	58.1	52.9	16.8	10.5	(b)7.1	3.4	0.1	(b)148.9
1947-48 (c) ..	(d)69.4	61.2	19.9	12.7	8.7	3.9	0.1	(d)175.9
1948-49.. ..	83.1	74.3	24.3	15.5	10.7	4.7	0.2	212.8
1949-50.. ..	104.9	97.8	29.5	19.3	13.7	5.6	0.3	271.1
1950-51.. ..	145.1	134.9	39.0	26.8	19.3	7.4	0.4	372.9
1951-52.. ..	156.6	142.3	41.5	30.8	21.8	8.9	0.5	402.4
1952-53.. ..	151.9	132.0	43.8	30.1	22.1	8.8	0.6	389.3
1951-52—								
August	141.8	128.2	38.6	25.6	19.1	7.9	0.4	361.6
September ..	153.0	130.8	40.6	27.3	18.9	8.3	0.4	379.3
October	162.9	150.0	46.0	31.5	21.8	8.2	0.5	420.9
November ..	170.5	148.8	42.2	30.5	21.4	8.4	0.4	422.2
December ..	175.9	157.4	46.5	35.4	23.5	9.6	0.5	448.8
January	146.2	133.3	36.5	27.2	24.5	7.4	0.4	375.5
February ..	155.3	153.4	38.4	33.9	24.3	9.0	0.4	414.7
March	152.1	142.2	39.1	34.3	22.3	10.2	0.5	400.7
April	153.3	142.7	40.5	32.2	22.5	9.5	0.5	401.2
May	155.9	141.7	40.9	32.1	22.6	9.5	0.5	403.2
June	158.4	135.4	44.6	30.7	20.5	9.6	0.5	399.7
1952-53—								
July	149.0	129.2	44.4	31.1	20.5	9.4	0.6	384.2
August	130.1	116.5	38.5	26.3	19.3	8.1	0.5	339.3
September ..	143.0	116.3	41.1	26.2	17.9	8.2	0.5	353.2
October	152.7	122.1	43.9	28.0	21.2	8.1	0.5	376.5
November ..	159.8	136.2	45.1	29.1	23.0	8.0	0.5	401.7
December ..	173.8	146.4	47.8	30.5	24.0	9.7	0.6	432.8
January	124.6	118.4	36.3	25.9	24.3	6.6	0.7	336.8
February ..	156.1	137.0	41.8	34.0	24.9	8.6	0.5	402.9
March	162.4	141.0	45.5	32.3	23.2	9.8	0.5	414.7
April	149.6	142.6	44.7	32.2	22.7	9.5	0.8	402.1
May	157.4	139.2	44.5	33.3	23.1	10.3	0.6	408.4
June	160.3	136.3	50.8	31.4	20.8	9.6	0.6	409.8
1953-54—								
July	163.6	138.0	52.5	31.5	22.9	9.7	0.6	418.8
August	145.6	124.7	46.0	27.1	20.4	8.7	0.5	373.0

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under *Banking Act* 1945-1953. Averages of four or five weeks ended on last Monday in period to December, 1946; thereafter averages of four or five weeks ended on last Wednesday. (b) Includes Rural Department of Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia for July, 1946, and following months. (c) Debits to Customers' Accounts relating to the transfer of accounts from The Queensland National Bank Ltd. (in voluntary liquidation) to The National Bank of Australasia Ltd. have been excluded from January, 1948. (d) See footnote (c) on previous page.

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SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS AND SAVINGS CERTIFICATES.

(£ million.)

At end of—	Amounts on Deposit in Savings Banks.									War Savings and Savings Certificates— Net Amount Outstanding.
	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.	
1936-37 ..	82.0	75.7	27.3	26.5	11.8	7.2	0.1	0.3	230.9	..
1937-38 ..	86.0	78.9	28.2	27.2	12.0	7.7	0.1	0.3	240.4	..
1938-39 ..	87.5	80.5	29.0	27.4	12.4	8.4	0.1	0.3	245.6	..
1946-47 ..	231.4	216.1	85.6	67.9	36.6	20.9	0.5	1.0	660.0	59.5
1947-48 ..	237.0	226.4	84.8	73.6	36.2	21.6	0.6	1.1	681.3	64.5
1948-49 ..	244.5	239.3	87.4	81.2	37.5	22.4	0.7	1.2	714.2	62.2
1949-50 ..	258.9	257.1	92.2	87.7	39.6	24.3	0.9	1.4	762.1	55.0
1950-51 ..	284.5	281.8	98.8	97.8	44.7	27.1	1.0	1.7	837.4	48.1
1951-52 ..	304.5	300.8	102.7	103.7	47.2	30.1	1.1	1.8	891.9	41.8
1952-53 ..	319.1	320.0	109.4	113.9	49.8	32.1	1.1	2.1	947.5	35.6
1951-52—										
August ..	287.4	285.0	100.2	99.6	45.6	28.0	1.0	1.7	848.5	47.0
September	288.9	286.8	100.7	99.4	45.7	28.1	1.0	1.8	852.4	46.4
October	290.7	288.2	101.0	99.8	46.0	28.3	1.0	1.8	856.8	45.9
November	292.5	289.8	101.6	100.3	46.2	28.5	1.0	1.8	861.7	45.4
December	293.2	290.2	101.7	100.6	46.0	28.5	1.0	1.7	862.9	44.8
January ..	295.3	293.0	101.4	101.6	46.3	28.7	1.0	1.8	869.1	44.3
February	296.9	294.1	100.8	102.3	46.3	29.2	1.0	1.8	872.4	43.9
March ..	297.7	294.8	100.5	102.4	46.3	29.4	1.0	1.8	873.9	43.5
April ..	299.3	295.5	100.8	102.4	46.5	29.6	1.0	1.8	876.9	42.8
May ..	299.0	295.7	100.7	101.5	46.2	29.7	1.0	1.8	875.6	42.3
June ..	304.5	300.8	102.7	103.7	47.2	30.1	1.1	1.8	(a) 891.9	41.8
1952-53—										
July ..	307.1	303.5	103.5	105.0	47.7	30.3	1.1	1.9	900.1	41.3
August ..	308.5	305.1	104.1	105.7	48.0	30.6	1.1	1.9	905.0	40.7
September	310.0	306.8	105.0	106.0	48.4	30.7	1.1	2.0	910.0	40.1
October	312.8	308.9	106.5	107.1	48.7	30.9	1.1	2.0	918.0	39.5
November	312.2	308.9	106.4	107.1	48.9	30.9	1.1	2.0	917.5	38.9
December	312.3	309.4	106.9	107.2	48.6	30.9	1.1	2.0	918.4	38.4
January	311.9	309.8	106.1	107.7	48.5	31.0	1.1	2.0	918.1	37.9
February	312.7	311.0	106.1	109.1	48.4	31.3	1.1	2.0	921.7	37.4
March ..	313.8	311.6	106.4	110.1	48.6	31.3	1.1	2.1	925.0	37.0
April ..	313.3	311.8	106.5	110.4	48.6	31.5	1.1	2.1	925.3	36.5
May ..	312.7	312.8	106.7	110.8	48.6	31.6	1.1	2.1	926.4	36.1
June ..	319.1	320.0	109.4	113.9	49.8	32.1	1.1	2.1	(a) 947.5	35.6
1953-54—										
July ..	320.4	321.5	110.3	115.0	50.0	32.3	1.2	2.2	952.9	35.1
August ..	322.6	322.9	111.7	115.6	50.4	32.8	1.2	2.3	959.5	34.5

(a) Interest added 1951-52, £14.1m.; 1952-53, £16.6m.. The major part of this interest was added in June.

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INTEREST RATES AND SECURITY YIELDS.

(Per Cent.)

Period.	Trading Banks. Interest on Fixed Deposits.				C'wealth. Savings Bank.	Treasury Bills (Discount Rates).	C'wealth. Govt. Securities.		Private First Mortgages Registered in New South Wales —Urban Securities.
	3 months.	6 months.	12. months.	24 months.	Deposits (maxi- mum rate of interest).		Taxed at 1930 C'wealth. Rates.		
							Under 5 years.	10 years and over.	
1936-37 ..	2.00	2.50	2.75	3.00	2.00	1.75	(a) 3.57	(a) 3.94	(b) 5.3
1937-38 ..	2.00	2.50	2.75	3.00	2.00	1.75	3.30	3.71	5.4
1938-39 ..	2.00	2.50	2.75	3.00	2.00	1.75	3.67	3.84	5.5
							Taxed at Current C'wlth. Rates.		
							Short- dated, 2 years.	Long- dated, 12 years.	
							(c)	(c)	
1946-47 ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	d 1.50	2.00	1.00	1.93	3.21	4.5
1947-48 ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.00	1.00	2.34	3.16	4.4
1948-49 ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.00	0.96	2.07	3.12	4.4
1949-50 ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.00	0.75	1.95	3.13	4.4
1950-51 ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.00	0.75	1.99	3.21	4.4
1951-52 ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.00	0.75	2.05	3.95	4.4
1952-53 ..	0.96	1.21	1.46	1.73	2.23	0.98	3.03	4.54	4.7
1951-52—									
September ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.00	0.75	2.04	3.83	4.4
October ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.00	0.75	2.01	3.80	4.4
November ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.00	0.75	2.02	3.76	4.4
December ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.00	0.75	1.99	3.75	4.4
January ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.00	0.75	2.04	3.82	4.4
February ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.00	0.75	2.03	3.82	4.4
March ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.00	0.75	2.00	3.81	4.4
April ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.00	0.75	2.07	4.19	4.4
May ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.00	0.75	2.13	4.43	4.4
June ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.00	0.75	2.21	4.62	4.4
1952-53—									
July ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.00	0.75	2.40	4.51	4.5
August (e) ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.25	1.00	2.58	4.49	4.5
September ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.25	1.00	2.94	4.61	4.5
October ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.25	1.00	3.05	4.68	4.6
November ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.25	1.00	3.15	4.62	4.7
December ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.25	1.00	3.23	4.53	4.7
January ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.25	1.00	3.15	4.46	4.8
February ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.25	1.00	3.16	4.53	4.8
March ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.25	1.00	3.20	4.57	4.8
April ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.25	1.00	3.17	4.51	4.8
May ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.25	1.00	3.17	4.54	4.9
June ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.25	1.00	3.16	4.48	4.9
1953-54—									
July ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.25	1.00	3.03	4.47	4.9
August ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.25	1.00	2.95	4.47	4.9
September ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.25	1.00	2.96	4.42	

(a) Weighted averages for last Wednesday in month. Calculated, when loans above par, on earliest date of maturity.
 (b) Average rate on mortgages registered in three months ending with month shown. (c) Rate for securities maturing in 2 and 12 years, estimated from rates on securities maturing in 0-5 and 10 or more years, respectively. Figures relate to last Wednesday in month.
 (d) From December, 1945 to July, 1952, 1.50% on first £10,000 of deposit; 1.00% on amounts in excess. (e) The Order made by the Commonwealth Bank under the National Security (Economic Organization) Regulations fixing maximum rates of interest was revoked as at 29th July, 1952.

EXCHANGE RATES AND GOLD PRICES.(a)

Period.	Exchange Rates.			Gold Prices.	
	Australia on London.(b)	London on New York.(b)	Australia on New York.(c)	Australia.	London.
	£A. per £100 stg.	\$ per £ stg.	\$ per £ A.	£A. per fine oz.	£ stg. per fine oz.
1936-37	125.25	4.939	3.929	8.761	7.041
1937-38	125.25	4.980	3.961	8.690	7.001
1938-39	125.25	4.738	3.759	9.137	7.340
1946-47	125.25	4.030	3.199	10.763	8.613
1947-48	125.25	4.030	3.200	10.763	8.613
1948-49	125.25	4.030	3.204	10.763	8.613
1949-50	125.25	3.074	2.445	14.443	11.557
1950-51	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
1951-52	125.25	2.796	2.224	15.492	12.400
1952-53	125.25	2.804	2.231	15.492	12.400
1951-52—					
September	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
October	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
November	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
December	125.25	2.795	2.225	15.492	12.400
January	125.25	2.782	2.213	15.492	12.400
February	125.25	2.781	2.213	15.492	12.400
March	125.25	2.797	2.225	15.492	12.400
April	125.25	2.808	2.234	15.492	12.400
May	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
June	125.25	2.785	2.216	15.492	12.400
1952-53—					
July	125.25	2.788	2.218	15.492	12.400
August	125.25	2.789	2.218	15.492	12.400
September	125.25	2.783	2.214	15.492	12.400
October	125.25	2.793	2.222	15.492	12.400
November	125.25	2.801	2.229	15.492	12.400
December	125.25	2.806	2.233	15.492	12.400
January	125.25	2.813	2.238	15.492	12.400
February	125.25	2.819	2.243	15.492	12.400
March	125.25	2.816	2.241	15.492	12.400
April	125.25	2.817	2.241	15.492	12.400
May	125.25	2.815	2.240	15.492	12.400
June	125.25	2.814	2.239	15.492	12.400
1953-54—					
July	125.25	2.816	2.240	15.492	12.400
August	125.25	2.815	2.240	15.492	12.400
September	125.25	2.803	2.231	15.492	12.400

(a) Average of daily quotations.
Direct quotation.

(b) Average of buying and selling rates for Telegraphic Transfers.

(c) Selling rate.

LIFE ASSURANCE BUSINESS.(a)

Period.	New Policies Issued.(b)				Premiums (c)		Claims, &c., Paid.(d)		New Loans Granted. (e)
	Ordinary Department.		Industrial Department.		Ordinary Department.	Industrial Department.	Ordinary Department.	Industrial Department.	
	Number.	Sum Assured.	Number.	Sum Assured.					
		£'000.		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Monthly Average—									
1937	12,296	4,120	36,148	1,684	1,045	474	747	223	n.a.
1938	11,470	3,867	32,757	1,530	1,075	617	781	246	n.a.
1939	11,293	3,886	32,125	1,545	1,144	541	835	303	n.a.
1947(a)	19,808	9,549	26,271	2,316	2,113	889	1,052	456	n.a.
1947-48 (a) ..	20,171	10,077	26,915	2,492	2,258	910	1,044	471	1,057
1948-49	20,201	10,618	25,254	2,458	2,539	967	1,112	497	1,476
1949-50	20,538	12,243	24,999	2,509	2,877	1,003	1,224	512	2,778
1950-51	21,642	15,206	22,713	2,423	3,210	1,043	1,310	491	3,893
1951-52	23,607	18,464	23,216	2,817	3,651	1,102	1,441	546	3,963
1952-53	23,643	18,828	22,853	2,946	4,186	1,147	1,576	619	3,011
Monthly Total—									
1951-52—									
July	24,178	19,569	27,368	3,138	3,964	1,119	1,483	576	6,083
August	29,639	21,861	23,916	2,798	3,610	1,131	1,410	547	4,560
September ..	29,451	22,258	27,768	3,405	3,466	1,013	1,414	503	4,771
October	23,155	18,376	26,172	3,119	3,421	1,176	1,549	564	4,333
November ..	23,659	17,291	22,817	2,763	3,541	1,228	1,471	570	3,599
December ..	28,745	26,194	17,366	2,100	3,586	1,209	1,316	492	3,999
January	12,675	9,102	8,110	970	3,281	745	1,302	427	3,244
February ..	18,206	13,932	21,745	2,641	3,251	1,118	1,369	558	3,418
March	23,337	16,515	30,099	3,754	3,612	1,150	1,489	583	3,103
April	20,371	16,980	20,496	2,519	3,566	1,040	1,441	500	3,146
May	25,022	19,926	25,619	3,209	3,876	1,155	1,518	622	4,066
June	24,842	19,567	27,118	3,389	4,643	1,140	1,525	616	3,233
1952-53—									
July	24,927	20,402	23,088	2,887	4,491	1,163	1,708	644	3,411
August	27,852	19,677	22,094	2,777	3,841	1,088	1,617	665	2,749
September ..	30,549	22,831	32,793	4,234	4,407	1,271	1,747	635	2,642
October	22,619	18,636	22,667	2,887	4,109	1,180	1,690	642	2,854
November ..	24,219	19,095	22,903	2,994	3,683	1,186	1,486	616	3,421
December ..	26,309	25,369	18,857	2,538	4,667	1,247	1,591	595	4,119
January	14,661	10,942	8,151	1,023	3,661	806	1,164	466	2,252
February ..	17,487	13,800	21,985	2,767	3,472	1,117	1,398	593	2,355
March	22,475	17,309	28,501	3,710	4,139	1,256	1,685	665	2,460
April	22,292	17,334	22,457	2,949	4,220	1,133	1,566	565	3,591
May	24,658	19,407	25,189	3,256	4,000	1,097	1,528	649	2,823
June	25,670	21,142	25,547	3,325	5,547	1,217	1,731	691	3,459
1953-54—									
July	28,463	25,048	21,041	2,735	5,072	1,231	1,960	734	3,195

(a) Excludes business of the Government Insurance Office of New South Wales and the Queensland State Government Insurance Office which operate only in New South Wales and Queensland respectively. Monthly averages for the years 1937 to 1947 are based on annual returns for the financial years of the companies. From 1947-48 the figures have been compiled from monthly returns.
 (b) Excludes annuity policies. (c) Includes consideration for annuities. (d) Includes claims paid on death or maturity, payments made on surrender of policies, annuities and bonuses paid in cash. (e) Excludes advances of premiums.

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COMMONWEALTH AND STATES : REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.(a)

(£'000.)

Government of—	July–August 1952.			July–August, 1953.		
	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus(+) or Deficit (—).	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus(+) or Deficit (—).
New South Wales (b) ..	26,044	26,687	— 643	27,120	26,019	+ 1,101
Victoria	11,295	15,409	— 4,114	13,076	15,732	— 2,656
Queensland	9,060	10,123	— 1,063	9,966	10,500	— 534
South Australia	5,682	6,985	— 1,303			
Western Australia	5,011	5,985	— 974	6,203	6,931	— 728
Tasmania	1,323	2,057	— 734	1,525	1,833	— 308
Six States	58,415	67,246	— 8,831			
Commonwealth	156,579	137,116	+ 19,463	146,486	129,257	+ 17,229
Grand Total	192,833	182,201	+ 10,632			

Government of—	1951–52.			1952–53,p		
	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus (+) or Deficit (—).	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus (+) or Deficit (—).
New South Wales (b) ..	168,935	168,837	+ 98	184,315	184,153	+ 162
Victoria	81,660	84,065	— 2,405	96,995	97,360	— 365
Queensland	55,753	55,708	+ 45	63,171	62,980	+ 191
South Australia	(c) 37,588	37,499	+ 89	44,251	44,226	+ 25
Western Australia	33,955	34,547	— 592	38,725	39,233	— 508
Tasmania	10,469	10,871	— 402	12,061	11,763	+ 298
Six States	388,360	391,527	— 3,167	439,518	439,715	— 197
Commonwealth	1,016,828	1,016,828	(d) ..	1,040,067	1,026,667	+ 13,400
Grand Total	1,261,922	1,265,089	— 3,167	1,314,241	1,301,038	+ 13,203

(a) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States, the grand totals exclude payments by the Commonwealth to the States for compensation in respect of uniform taxation, interest on States' debts, special grants and special financial assistance, also pay-roll tax payments by States to the Commonwealth. The totals of revenue and expenditure of the States have also been adjusted. (b) Excludes Main Roads Department, Road Transport and Traffic Fund, and recoups of interest, &c., from undertakings outside the Budget. (c) Excludes 1950–51 surplus carried forward. (d) Budget balanced by Special Appropriation of the surplus £98,500,000 to the National Debt Sinking Fund.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATES : SHORT-TERM DEBT.(a)

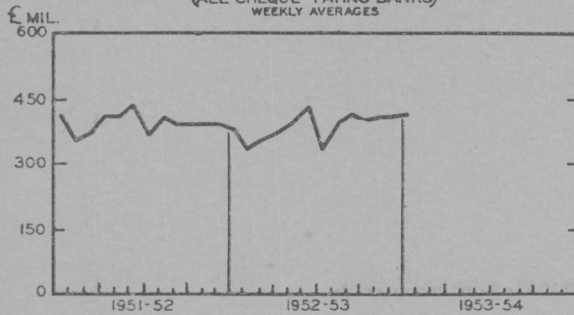
(£'000.)

Where Redeemable.	Commonwealth Securities issued on behalf of—						
	Commonwealth.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.
At 31st August, 1953—							
Australia (b) ..	195,000					1,000	
London	720	9,796	5,805		3,816	2,960	491
At 31st August, 1952—							
Australia (b) ..	153,280		2,000		400	1,122	600
London	970	9,796	5,805		3,816	2,960	491

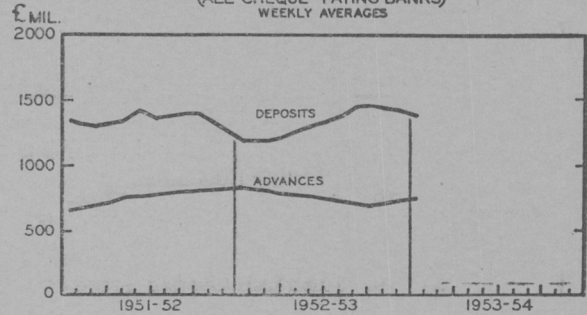
(a) Excludes overdrafts. For debt redeemable in Australia the unit of currency is £1 Australian; in London, £1 sterling. (b) Excludes Internal Treasury Bills.

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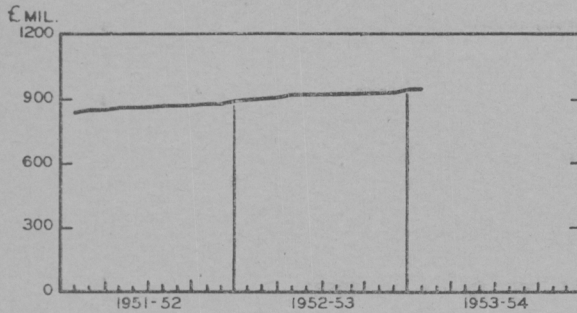
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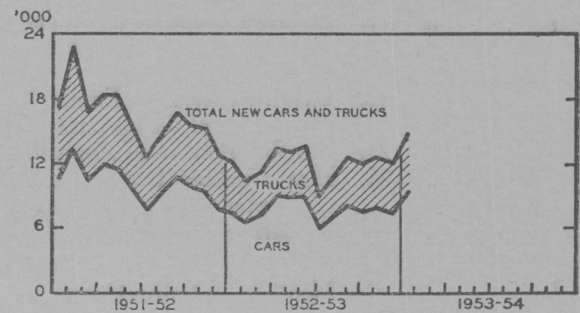
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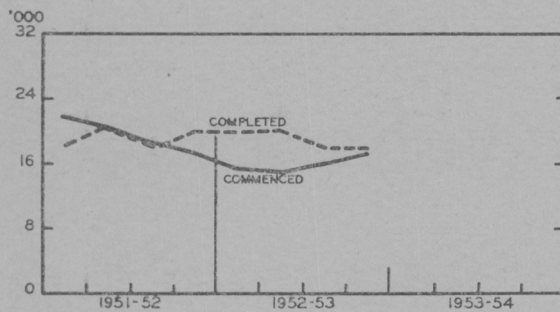
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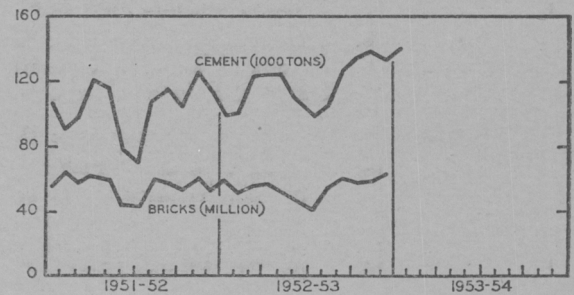
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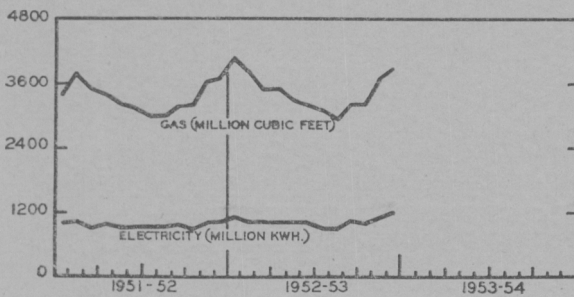
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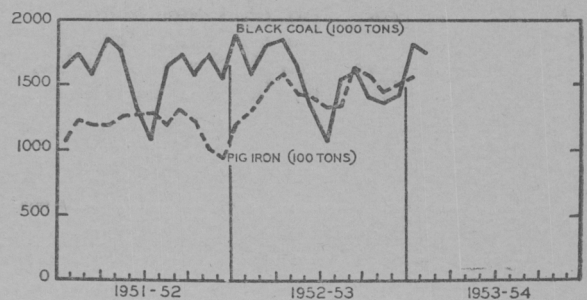
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PRODUCTION OF BLACK COAL AND PIG IRON



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